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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MARCH 14TH, 2006 MEETING OF THE
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. FIRST,
8 WE'LL BE LED IN PRAYER BY RABBI LISA EDWARDS OF BETH CHAYIM
9 CHADASHIM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TEMPLE AND OUR PLEDGE OF
10 ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY JIM JOHNSTONE, WHO IS A MEMBER AND HONOR
11 GUARD OF THE PETE VALDEZ CULVER CITY POST NUMBER 2 AMVETS OF
12 THE SECOND DISTRICT. SO IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE AND
13 RABBI?

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15 **RABBI LISA EDWARDS:** THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK WITH
16 YOU. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE AND IT SEEMS ESPECIALLY RIGHT TO
17 ME TO BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE IT'S THE JEWISH HOLIDAY OF PURIM
18 AND IT'S SAID TO BE THE MOST JOYFUL HOLIDAY ON THE JEWISH
19 CALENDAR. IT CELEBRATES THE STORY TOLD IN THE BIBLE'S BOOK OF
20 ESTHER. AND ACTUALLY YOU COULD SIT DOWN BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING
21 TO OFFER A PRAYER, I'M JUST GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT
22 THE BOOK OF ESTHER, SO FEEL FREE TO DISOBEY YOUR MAYOR.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL JUST STAND FOR THE PLEDGE,
25 HOW'S THAT?



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2 **RABBI LISA EDWARDS:** I'LL LET YOU STAND FOR THE PLEDGE WHEN WE

3 DO THAT. THIS IS A STORY THAT HAS SCARY PARTS TO IT BUT,

4 DESPITE THAT, WE'RE INSTRUCTED TO BE ALL JOYFUL AND TO HAVE A

5 GOOD TIME ON THE HOLIDAY OF PURIM. AND SO I WANTED TO DO THAT

6 WITH YOU THIS MORNING, EVEN THOUGH I LEFT MY JOKES AND MY

7 COSTUME BACK HOME. I'M INCLINED TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS LIKE

8 THIS ONE TO OFFER INVOCATIONS AT GOVERNMENT MEETINGS AND YET I

9 DO SO WITH A LITTLE AMBIVALENCE BECAUSE, LIKE THE FOUNDERS OF

10 OUR COUNTRY, I'M A RELIGIOUS PERSON WHO BELIEVES IN THE

11 SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, SO I DON'T PRAY WHEN I COME TO

12 MEET WITH OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR LEADER-- OUR GOVERNMENT

13 LEADERS. INSTEAD, I LOOK TO A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE

14 WORD "INVOCATION" AND ITS DEFINITION, TO CALL UPON A GREATER

15 POWER FOR HELP AND INSPIRATION. SO TODAY I CALL UPON THE STORY

16 OF PURIM, THE BOOK OF ESTHER. AT THE CRITICAL MOMENT IN

17 ESTHER'S STORY IN THE BIBLE, SHE HESITATES. SHE'S UNCERTAIN

18 THAT SHE COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. SHE'S RELUCTANT

19 TO PUT HER OWN LIFE AT RISK AND HER COUSIN, MORDECAI, TELLS

20 HER, "YOU KNOW, ESTHER, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD

21 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM BUT YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO COULD SOLVE THIS

22 PROBLEM AND, WHO KNOWS, PERHAPS YOU FIND YOURSELF RIGHT HERE

23 FOR THIS VERY REASON." ESTHER HEEDS HIS TEACHING AND SHE SAVES

24 HER PEOPLE AND SHE AND MORDECAI RESTORE THE WHOLE KINGDOM TO

25 RIGHTS. ESTHER IS THE ONLY BOOK IN THE BIBLE THAT DOES NOT



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1 MENTION GOD. IN THE BOOK OF ESTHER, UNLIKE MOST OF THE OTHERS
2 IN THE BIBLE, WHEN A NATION OR A PERSON IS IN TROUBLE, IT
3 TAKES THE BRAVERY AND CLEVERNESS AND GOODNESS OF HUMAN BEINGS,
4 NOT THEIR PRAYERS AND NOT THE VISIBLE HAND OF GOD TO SOLVE THE
5 PROBLEMS, TO SAVE THE LIVES THAT NEED SAVING, TO SET RIGHT THE
6 GOVERNMENT THAT HAS GONE ASTRAY. JEWISH TRADITION TEACHES THAT
7 ONLY PURIM OF ALL THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS WILL STILL BE OBSERVED
8 WHEN THE MESSIANIC ERA ARRIVES. WHAT THAT IS THE CASE, THE
9 SAGES DO NOT SAY BUT WE CAN SPECULATE. A MESSIANIC ERA WILL
10 ARRIVE AND FLOURISH NOT WHEN GOD BRINGS IT BUT WHEN HUMAN
11 BEINGS LIKE ESTHER AND MORDECAI AND US BRING IT. A MESSIANIC
12 ERA WILL ARRIVE AND FLOURISH ONLY WHEN OF US LEARNS TO ASK, AS
13 MORDECAI TAUGHT ESTHER TO ASK, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO GIVEN THE
14 SITUATION I FIND MYSELF IN? AM I GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
15 AND, IF SO, HOW? A MESSIANIC ERA WILL ARRIVE AND FLOURISH ONLY
16 WHEN, LIKE MORDECAI AND ESTHER, EACH OF US AND ALL OF US
17 TOGETHER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL. SO I
18 THANK ALL OF YOU WHO SIT UP HERE AND DO THE WORK OF THIS
19 GOVERNMENT FOR TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING A
20 DIFFERENCE. I THANK YOU FOR KEEPING, IF YOU DO, THE TRUST THAT
21 THE VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY HAVE PLACED IN EACH ONE OF YOU AND I
22 THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BRING US CLOSER TO A MESSIANIC ERA BY
23 WORKING VIGILANTLY, EACH OF YOU, FOR THE WELFARE OF US ALL,
24 AND I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY PURIM AND I INVITE YOU TO RISE FOR
25 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **JIM JOHNSTONE:** WOULD YOU PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND
5 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
6]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
9 WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE RABBI THIS CERTIFICATE OF
10 APPRECIATION. SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S FROM BROWN
11 UNIVERSITY, HER MASTER'S FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA IN
12 ENGLISH AND DOCTORATE IN LITERATURE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
13 IOWA-- I SHOULD SAY HER MASTER'S WAS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
14 CHICAGO. SHE TEACHES ON ADJUNCT BASICS AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
15 AND RABBINICAL SCHOOL AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
16 CALIFORNIA IN THE JEWISH STUDIES INSTITUTE. SO RABBI, THANK
17 YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** WE WANT TO WELCOME JIM JOHNSTONE AND HE IS FROM
22 CULVER CITY FROM THE PETE VALDEZ CULVER CITY POST NUMBER 2,
23 AMERICAN VETERANS, AMVETS. HE'S A MEMBER OF THE HONOR GUARD.
24 HE SERVED AS A SERGEANT IN THE U.S. ARMY AND THE NATIONAL
25 GUARD AND HE SERVED IN THE 143RD ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY FROM



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1 '54 TO '60 IN THAT BATTALION. HE WAS-- RECEIVED THE U.S. ARMY
2 GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. HE'S SELF-EMPLOYED, HE'S LIVED IN THE
3 DISTRICT FOR 60 YEARS, ATTENDED VENICE HIGH SCHOOL AND VALLEJO
4 JUNIOR COLLEGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US HERE TODAY.

5 [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST WE ALSO WANT TO WELCOME BACK
8 COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH WHO HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND THIS IS
9 HIS FIRST MEETING HE'S BEEN AT FOR THE PAST, WHAT, MONTH OR
10 TWO AND, COLONEL SMITH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 LEADERSHIP IN THE PAST AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
12 IN THE FUTURE AND YOU LOOK VERY, VERY GOOD AND THE PRAYERS OF
13 BOLIN AND THE OTHERS WERE VERY POWERFUL IN HELPING YOU GET
14 BACK ON YOUR FEET. THANK YOU, SIR.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** VERY PLEASED TO HAVE HIM BACK. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO THROUGH THE CALENDAR.

19

20 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'LL
21 BEGIN ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE SANITATION
22 DISTRICT NUMBERS 27 AND 35.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ITEM 1-B.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
9 AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 3-H.
10 WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD ITEM 2-
11 H.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH
17 13. I HAVE SEVERAL REQUESTS. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THE EXECUTIVE
18 DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. REQUESTS THAT THE
19 APPOINTMENT OF GILBERT VARELLA, M.D., BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
20 MARCH 21ST, 2006. WE HAVE A REQUEST ON ITEM NUMBER 2 TO BE
21 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THAT WAS REVISED. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, WE
23 HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.
24 AND IT WAS ALSO REVISED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REST
25 ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 14 AND 15.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AUDIT COMMITTEE, ITEM 16.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM
16 NUMBER 17. SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

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20 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CORONER, ITEM 18.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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25 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 19.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 22. ON
6 ITEM NUMBER 20, WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT
7 REQUEST TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 21, THE ACTING
8 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
9 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 21ST, 2006. ITEM 22, THE ACTING
10 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM ALSO BE
11 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 21ST, 2006.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SO 20 WILL BE HELD.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM NUMBER 23.
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. MENTAL
22 HEALTH, ITEM 24, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
23 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 25 AND 26. ITEM
24 25, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
25 ITEM AND 26 IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 27 THROUGH 41. ITEM
6 28, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
7 ITEM. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE.
10 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 43 AND 45. ITEM 43, THE
13 SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
14 DEPARTMENT. AND ITEM 44, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
15 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 21ST, 2006. ITEM 45 IS BEFORE
16 YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 46
22 THROUGH 51.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, I WILL READ
3 THE SHORT TITLES INTO THE RECORD. ITEM 52, AN ORDINANCE
4 AMENDING TITLE 3 ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARKS
6 AND RECORDS COMMISSION BY AMENDING SECTION 3.30.110 WHICH
7 ESTABLISHES A NEW SUNSET REVIEW DATE OF JUNE 30TH, 2011. ITEM
8 53, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE SHERIFF. ITEM 54, AN ORDINANCE
10 AMENDING TITLE 20, UTILITIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
11 RELATING TO FRANCHISE FEES FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES
12 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 55 THROUGH 57.
18 ITEM 55, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REQUESTS THAT
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 21ST, 2006, AT 11:00
20 A.M. ITEM NUMBER 56, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
21 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 21ST, 2006. ITEM
22 57, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
23 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 21ST, 2006. AND ITEM 58 IS A
24 PUBLIC HEARING. WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR LATER IN THE MEETING. ITEM
25 59, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD



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1 MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED
2 MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON
3 THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 59-A.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
9 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A SAD FAREWELL THAT WE WOULD
13 LIKE TO MAKE AT THIS TIME AND RECOGNIZE THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF
14 JAPAN, THE HONORABLE YOSHIO NOMOTO, WHO HAS BEEN POSTED IN LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY SINCE SEPTEMBER 2003. HE'S MAINTAINED A VERY
16 HIGH PROFILE FOR HIS COUNTRY DURING HIS POSTING, WORKING WITH
17 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ATTENDING MANY
18 VARIOUS EVENTS. WE'VE HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME GOOD
19 FRIENDS. HE ALSO HAS THE ABILITY OF SPEAKING MANDARIN AND
20 HAVING BEEN POSTED IN CHINA AND MY FAMILY'S HAD THE
21 OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING OUR WONDERFUL CONSUL-GENERAL. WE
22 APPRECIATED HIS LEADERSHIP, EFFECTIVENESS AND ENERGY. HE'S
23 CARRIED OUT HIS DUTIES AS JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY SECOND TO NONE. SO WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A SMALL
25 TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION THAT'S GOING TO WEIGH A FEW POUNDS



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1 AS YOU GO THROUGH CUSTOMS BUT THIS SHOWS YOU THE WARMTH THAT
2 WE HAVE FOR YOU AND OUR FRIENDSHIP AND WE HOPE THAT WE'LL BE
3 ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR TIES AS YOU NOW GO BACK TO YOUR
4 GOVERNMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ASSUME A
5 DIPLOMATIC POSITION. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
6 HOSPITALITY AND WISH YOU GOD SPEED. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **THE HONORABLE YOSHIO NOMOTO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, LADIES
9 AND GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL
10 PLAQUE. WHEN I SEE IT, I CAN REMEMBER THE SUPERB PHASE OF LIFE
11 SPENT IN LOS ANGELES. IT HAS BEEN MY GREAT HONOR TO SERVE HERE
12 AS CONSUL-GENERAL OF JAPAN. DURING MY 2-1/2 YEARS HERE, JAPAN
13 AND THE UNITED STATES CELEBRATED THE 150TH YEAR SINCE THE
14 BEGINNING OF THEIR RELATIONS AND 60TH YEAR OF NEW TIES AFTER A
15 WAR. FORTUNATELY, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WITNESS THE ENHANCEMENT
16 OF OUR NATIONS' RELATIONSHIP AND ALSO MY COUNTRY'S TIES TO
17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MORE JAPANESE COMPANIES ARE OPERATING
18 HERE. MORE JAPANESE TOURISTS ARE VISITING LOS ANGELES. MORE
19 JAPANESE STUDENTS ARE STUDYING HERE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR
20 FRIENDSHIP AND FOR THE ASSISTANCE WHICH YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT
21 AND PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES HAVE EXTENDED TO ME. I PRAY FOR
22 FURTHER PROSPERITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
23 JAPAN/U.S., JAPAN/L.A. RELATIONS. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
24 [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE-- OR SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA. OKAY. SUPERVISOR-- OH. EXCUSE ME. OKAY. WE HAVE A NEW
3 CONSUL-GENERAL WHO IS REPRESENTING HIS COUNTRY AND THAT'S THE
4 NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF MALAYSIA, THE HONORABLE AHMAD ANWAR
5 ADNAN. CONSUL-GENERAL ADNAN IS A NATIVE OF MALAYSIA. HE
6 RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
7 MALAYSIA IN 1982, HIS CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN SERVICE PROGRAMS
8 FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1996. HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER BEGAN IN
9 1988 WHEN HE JOINED MALAYSIA'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
10 HE'S HELD NUMEROUS POSTINGS IN THAILAND AND AUSTRIA. PLEASE
11 ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE, CONSUL-GENERAL, AND WE KNOW YOU PROBABLY
12 HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR GOVERNOR, WHO ALSO HAD A FEW
13 YEARS IN AUSTRIA, SO WELCOME. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **THE HONORABLE AHMAD ANWAR BIN ADNAN:** HONORABLE MICHAEL
16 ANTONOVICH, MAYOR, SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
17 THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
18 GOOD MORNING. IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE
19 PRESENTED HERE IN THIS AUGUST CHAMBER AND TO BE ALSO PRESENTED
20 WITH A PLAQUE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE CONSULATE
21 GENERAL OF MALAYSIA ESTABLISHED IN LOS ANGELES IN 1982. SINCE
22 THEN, WE HAVE WITNESSED THE GROWTH OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
23 THE PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA AND THE COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES. THE
24 UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS AND 60% OF
25 THE TRADE PASS THROUGH THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES. AND UNITED



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1 STATES IS ALSO MAJOR FOREIGN INVESTORS IN MALAYSIA AND MOST OF
2 THEM ARE FROM CALIFORNIA. AND, OF COURSE, RELATIONSHIPS
3 BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND LOS ANGELES IS NOT DRIVEN BY TRADE OR
4 ECONOMY ALONE. WE HAVE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE RELATIONSHIPS AND, OF
5 COURSE, TOURISM IS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, GROWING VERY HEALTHILY
6 AND WE HAVE STUDENTS, BY THE HUNDREDS, COMING TO USA, U.C.L.A.
7 EVERY YEAR AND, OF COURSE, WE HAVE ALSO ABOUT 10,000
8 MALAYSIANS RESIDING IN CALIFORNIA. SO THAT KEEPS MY CONSULATE
9 BUSY AND, IN FACT, IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MISSIONS WE
10 HAVE OVERSEAS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING POSTED HERE AND I
11 THINK I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THESE RELATIONSHIPS HEALTHY AND
12 STRONG SO THAT WE CAN BOTH BENEFIT. WITH THAT, I THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY. AND, THIS MORNING, I
14 PICKED THIS BOOK AMONG THE COFFEE TABLE BOOKS I FOUND ON
15 MALAYSIA. I PICKED THIS ONE BECAUSE THIS IS WRITTEN AND
16 PUBLISHED BY SOMEONE FROM LOS ANGELES. IT'S ABOUT THE CORAL
17 REEFS OF MALAYSIA. I HOPE YOU'LL FIND THIS BOOK USEFUL. THANK
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I LOOK FORWARD TO READING IT. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, PRESENTATIONS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL DR. DON BRAND, MATTHEW WONDER,
2 AND MEMBERS OF THE DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM TO COME FORWARD.
3 THE WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LOCATED JUST A FEW BLOCKS--
4 WELL, A FEW MILES, ACTUALLY, SOUTHEAST OF LAX AND IS ONE OF
5 THE LAST SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ONE OF
6 THE SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT IS DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND IT HAS
7 RECEIVED A VERY PRESTIGIOUS RECOGNITION. LAST FEBRUARY 10TH,
8 THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, JACK
9 O'CONNELL, DESIGNATED DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL AS ONE OF THE FOUR
10 2006 CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH TAKING CENTER STAGE MODEL
11 MIDDLE SCHOOLS. THE TAKING CENTER STAGE PROGRAM IS BOTH A
12 STATE AND NATIONAL AWARD. SCHOOLS THAT WIN MUST FIRST SUBMIT
13 AN EXTENSIVE APPLICATION AND AN INTENSIVE SELF-ASSESSMENT. THE
14 NEXT STEP IS A VISIT TO THE SCHOOL BY AN ASSESSMENT TEAM TO
15 NOTE CURRICULUM, THE QUALITY OF TEACHING AND HOW SAFE THE
16 ENVIRONMENT IS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. TO BE A WINNING SCHOOL IS
17 RECOGNITION THAT THE SCHOOL IS CONTINUOUSLY INNOVATING AND
18 APPLYING BEST PRACTICES, CONSTANTLY ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE AND
19 DO BETTER FOR ITS STUDENTS. DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS CITED BY
20 THE ASSESSMENT TEAM AS A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS ARE REMARKABLY
21 POLITE, WELL BEHAVED AND WHERE THERE IS EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT
22 FROM PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS. THE
23 SCHOOL HAS 794 STUDENTS AND A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY WITH 40% OF
24 ITS STUDENTS COMING FROM MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ALL OVER L.A.
25 COUNTY ARE INTER-DISTRICT PERMITS. I'M VERY PLEASED AND PROUD



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1 TO PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO DR. DON BRAWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF
2 WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND MATTHEW WONDER, PRINCIPAL OF
3 DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL, IN RECOGNITION OF THE DESIGNATION OF DANA
4 MIDDLE SCHOOL AS A 2006 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL TO WATCH, TAKING
5 CENTER STAGE MODEL MIDDLE SCHOOLS. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [
6 APPLAUSE]

7

8 **DON BRAND:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M DON BRAND, SUPERINTENDENT OF
10 WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I'M AN ALUMNUS OF DANA MIDDLE
11 SCHOOL, SO I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD TO HAVE GROWN UP AND BECOME
12 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND I HAVE
13 GREAT PRIDE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL EVERY
14 YEAR THAT I'VE BEEN THERE THE PAST 13 YEARS. THEY'RE ALSO A
15 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL BUT THIS ""SCHOOLS TO WATCH""
16 AWARD REALLY CAPS IT OFF. THERE WERE ONLY THREE OTHER SUCH
17 MIDDLE SCHOOLS NAMED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THERE HAVE
18 ONLY BEEN 55 SUCH SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES. SO WE FEEL
19 THAT WE'RE PUTTING WISEBURN ON THE MAP FINALLY AND THAT WE'RE
20 BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THE HIDDEN JEWEL THAT WE'VE BEEN FOR SO
21 LONG. ON MARCH 5TH OF THIS YEAR, WE TURNED 110 YEARS OLD AS A
22 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WE'RE DOING REALLY GOOD IN OUR 110TH YEAR.
23 I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR DARLENE
24 ROBLES, OUR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT. WE HAVE THE BEST COUNTY
25 SUPERINTENDENT IN CALIFORNIA. WE'RE PLEASED THAT YOU SELECTED



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1 HER AND THAT WE GET TO WORK ALONGSIDE HER. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO
2 INTRODUCE MATTHEW WONDER, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE WONDERFUL DANA
3 MIDDLE SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **MATTHEW WONDER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. I WOULD
6 JUST LIKE TO BRIEFLY INTRODUCE FIVE OF OUR OUTSTANDING
7 EDUCATORS. MRS. SHEILA LACOR. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **MATTHEW WONDER:** MRS. SHARON GANSTA. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **MATTHEW WONDER:** MRS. MOLLY ROGERS. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **MATTHEW WONDER:** MRS. PAM SPRIGS. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **MATTHEW WONDER:** AND MRS. KATHY ORRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
16 APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AND NOW WE HAVE THE TENTH ANNUAL SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL 5K A.I.D.S. WALK PRESENTATION. WE'RE GOING
22 TO ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE TO JOIN FOR THIS PRESENTATION AND NORA
23 MATTHEWS AND VALERIE MCDONALD WILL COME FORWARD.
24 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS MINORITIES,
25 ESPECIALLY AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND LATINO FAMILIES, AND



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1 INCREASINGLY MINORITY WOMEN. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL
2 INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, AFRICAN-AMERICANS MAKE UP 50% OF ALL
3 A.I.D.S. CASES REPORTED IN THE UNITED STATES, EVEN THOUGH
4 AFRICAN-AMERICANS ONLY MAKE UP 12% OF THE POPULATION.
5 HISPANICS REPRESENT 15% OF ALL A.I.D.S. CASES, WHILE THEY ARE
6 13% OF THE POPULATION. AS OF DECEMBER 2003, 67% OF WOMEN
7 REPORT WITH A.I.D.S. ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND 16% ARE
8 HISPANIC. CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MACDONALD AND AFRICAN-
9 AMERICAN'S WOMEN HEALTH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION WILL HOLD THE
10 TENTH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL 5K A.I.D.S. WALK ON
11 SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ
12 HILLS IN THE CITY OF CARSON. THIS EVENT IS BEING PLANNED TO
13 RAISE NEEDED FUNDS TO BENEFIT L.A. COUNTY CLINICS AND PROGRAMS
14 THAT PROVIDE H.I.V. PREVENTION CARE AND SERVICES TO
15 MINORITIES, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO FAMILIES. I
16 ENCOURAGE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO PROVIDE
17 NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT AND ALSO ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTY
18 EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTARILY SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE
19 IN THE 2006 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL 5K A.I.D.S. WALK.
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE, PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRESENTING THIS
21 PROCLAMATION. WE'RE PRESENTING IT TO-- WHO IS GOING TO TAKE IT
22 AND MAKE THE SPEECH? OH, OKAY.

23
24 **NORA MATTHEWS:** GOOD MORNING. I'M NORA MATTHEWS AND I ACCEPT
25 THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN



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1 HEALTH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE
2 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN. WE'RE EXCITED
3 THIS YEAR. THIS IS OUR TENTH ANNUAL YEAR. OUR THEME FOR THIS
4 YEAR IS "COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER FOR LIFE." WE HAVE A GOAL
5 THIS YEAR AND WE HAVE ONE EVERY YEAR BUT ONE OF OUR GOALS IS
6 TO HAVE 100 WALKERS PER YEAR. YOU CAN DO THE MATH. THAT'S
7 10,000 WALKERS. WE CAME VERY CLOSE LAST YEAR AND WE ARE
8 CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN DO IT THIS YEAR. SO PLEASE JOIN US. AS
9 THE SUPERVISOR HAS SAID, IT'S GOING TO BE ON APRIL 22ND AT CAL
10 STATE DOMINGUEZ AND WE LOOK TO SEE YOU ALL. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
11 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

12 [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY
15 PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK ZEV HAS ONE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK MARCY KAPLAN TO JOIN US UP
20 HERE. HER HUSBAND, KEITH BERLIN, ALSO CARLA BAILEY, THE CO-
21 CHAIR OF THE H.I.V. COMMISSION, AND ANTHONY BRAZWELL, WHO'S A
22 CO-CHAIR. WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING TO
23 HONOR MARCY KAPLAN, WHO HAS SERVED THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V.
25 FOR 16 YEARS AS A COMMISSION CO-CHAIR AND AS INTERIM DIRECTOR



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1 OF THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS AND POLICY CULMINATING IN
2 HER RETIREMENT FROM THE COMMISSION IN MARCH, THIS MONTH. SHE
3 HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING A SYSTEM OF CARE TO MEET
4 THE NEEDS OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES LIVING WITH
5 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AS THE FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS
6 ANGELES FAMILY A.I.D.S. NETWORK AND SHE HAS ENHANCED THEIR
7 QUALITY OF LIFE IN SHARING HER EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE BY
8 SPEAKING AT BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL A.I.D.S.
9 CONFERENCES, WRITING PUBLICATIONS, ADDRESSING THE
10 PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. POPULATION
11 AND WITH A FACULTY APPOINTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
12 CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE. I WON'T HOLD THAT
13 AGAINST YOU. SHE HAS SET A STANDARD OF INTEGRITY, GOOD
14 JUDGMENT, SOUND LEADERSHIP AND WISE DECISION- MAKING BY BEING
15 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS
16 FOR PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUCH
17 AS MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CHILDREN
18 AFFECTED BY A.I.D.S. FOUNDATION AND IS A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER
19 OF THE A.I.D.S. ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND
20 FAMILIES. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT MARCY KAPLAN IS HEREBY
22 RECOGNIZED FOR HER TREMENDOUS COMMITMENT, ACKNOWLEDGED FOR HER
23 EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN THE FIELD OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES
24 AND IS COMMENDED FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND OVERALL CONTRIBUTIONS
25 TO BETTER THE LIVES OF H.I.V. AFFECTED AND INFECTED COUNTY



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1 RESIDENTS. BEST WISHES ARE EXTENDED FOR ONGOING SUCCESS AS SHE
2 EMBARKS UPON A NEW CAREER IN THE FIELD OF DISABILITY SERVICES.
3 I THINK I SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY, AND ALL FIVE
4 SUPERVISORS HAVE SIGNED THIS, WHICH MAKES THIS A VERY RARE
5 DOCUMENT, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW, WE ALL AGREE ON YOU, THAT
6 YOU HAVE BROUGHT, AS THE RESOLUTION SAID, A SENSE OF
7 PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY AND PASSION TO THE ISSUE AND I
8 THINK IT SPEAKS VOLUMES THAT YOU'RE GOING FROM ONE CHALLENGE,
9 HUMAN SERVICE CHALLENGE TO ANOTHER HUMAN SERVICE CHALLENGE
10 AND, IN YOUR MIND, THAT'S A CAREER CHANGE. I THINK IT'S SPEAKS
11 VOLUMES FOR THE KIND OF HUMAN BEING YOU ARE AND THE KIND OF
12 SOUL YOU HAVE. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY, TO
13 THE H.I.V. COMMISSION AND TO THE PEOPLE WE ALL SERVE TOGETHER.
14 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **MARCY KAPLAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND ALL THE
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT OF
18 THE LOS ANGELES FAMILY A.I.D.S. NETWORK OVER THE PAST 17-1/2
19 YEARS AND ALSO TO THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. SINCE 1990, THE
20 ORIGINAL INCEPTION OF THE COMMISSION. WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE
21 YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT FAMILIES, WOMEN,
22 CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES, WHO LIVE WITH H.I.V. HAVE VERY,
23 VERY UNIQUE AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE NEEDS AND WE REALLY DO
24 TAKE THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, ONCE AGAIN, VERY MUCH APPRECIATING



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1 YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CLIENTS THAT WE ALL SERVE. THANK YOU. [
2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES HE HAVE ANY MORE SCROLLS? YOU
5 THROUGH? OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYOR, COLLEAGUES AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WHAT I
8 HAVE HERE BEHIND ME IS THE MEMBERS OF-- AND COACHES OF THE
9 TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S GOLF TEAM. WE HAVE WITH US JANELLE
10 ALEXANDER, TIFFANY ANDRES, JULIE CHOA, LORI CADO, DANNY
11 POWELL, DEBBIE RUNNIS, CRISTINA SUE AND CINDY SONG. ACTUALLY,
12 JANE RAW IS NOT HERE, SHE'S AT A TOURNAMENT IN TEXAS, AND
13 ANGELA PARK IS ABSENT BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN INVITED TO PLAY IN
14 A DINA SHORE L.P.A. NABISCO TOURNAMENT, SHE'S DOWN THERE. THIS
15 GIRL'S GOLF TEAM HAS JUST COMPLETED THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON
16 IN CALIFORNIA GIRL'S GOLF HISTORY. AFTER WINNING THE OCEAN
17 LEAGUE, THE CIF EASTERN DIVISION AND CIF SOUTHERN SECTION
18 CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP, THE
19 TORRANCE GIRLS COMPLETED THEIR POST-SEASON SWEEP BY WINNING
20 THE 2005 CIF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BY A 24 STROKE MARGIN. IN
21 ADDITION, TEAM MEMBER JANE RAW EARNED THE INDIVIDUAL STATE
22 CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE BY POSTING THE ONLY SUB PAR PERFORMANCE
23 DURING THE FINISHING ROUND. THEY ALSO-- THIS IS ALSO THE FIRST
24 TEAM IN CALIFORNIA GIRL'S GOLF HISTORY TO WIN ALL FOUR POST-
25 SEASON TOURNAMENTS. IT'S ALSO THE FIRST TIME THAT BOTH THE



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1 INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONS HAVE BEEN FROM THE SAME SCHOOL.
2 THEY'RE EVEN MORE SPECIAL TO ME, THOUGH BECAUSE THEY'RE BACK-
3 TO-BACK KNABE CUP CHAMPIONS AND I'M REALLY PROUD OF THAT. SO,
4 ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, I JUST WANT TO
5 PRESENT THIS SCROLL. WE DID THE INDIVIDUAL ONES UPSTAIRS AND--
6 TO EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS BUT WHAT AN INCREDIBLE
7 ACCOMPLISHMENT. NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE OF
8 CALIFORNIA HAS THIS HAPPENED. SO A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR
9 THE TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S GOLF TEAM. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **JOHN WERSER:** I'D LIKE TO-- MY NAME IS JOHN WERSER. I'M THE
12 HEAD GIRLS' GOLF COACH AND I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE
13 FOR SUPPORTING-- EXCUSE ME, KNABE AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR
14 SUPPORTING YOUTH GOLF. AND HE RUNS A GREAT TOURNAMENT FOR BOYS
15 AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF. WE'RE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO PLAY ON
16 A COUNTY GOLF COURSE AS OUR HOME COURSE, LOS VERDES GOLF CLUB
17 IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES, SO WE REALLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO, YOU
18 KNOW, FEEL THE AFFECTS OF GOLF IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
19 AND WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE HAD A GREAT YEAR AND IT'S BEEN
20 A WONDERFUL RIDE AND WE APPRECIATE BEING HONORED LIKE THIS AND
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW I'D LIKE TO INVITE UP A GROUP OF OUTSTANDING
24 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE OUR SOCIAL WORKERS. THEIR CHALLENGING
25 WORK OFTEN INVOLVES THE MOST COMPLEX AND MOST TRAGIC ISSUES



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1 THAT THIS WORLD HAS TO OFFER WHERE THERE'S A CHILD IN DANGER
2 OF ABUSE, A HOMELESS PERSON OR A FAMILY IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE,
3 AN INDIVIDUAL SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE
4 OR AN ELDERLY PERSON THAT NEEDS HELP, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND A
5 SOCIAL WORKER RIGHT ALONGSIDE OF THEM DOING THEIR JOB WITH
6 DIGNITY, COMPASSION AND A QUIET DETERMINATION SO UNIQUE TO A
7 SINGULAR PROFESSION. AND, AS I SAID TO THEM UPSTAIRS, I REALLY
8 CONSIDER THEM ANGELS OF GOD BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT THEY DO.
9 I KNOW, IN OUR OFFICES, AS I MENTIONED, NO ONE CALLS TO SAY
10 THANK YOU AND WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN NEED, OUR CONSTITUENT
11 WORK AND RIGHT THERE, TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THAT ARE SOCIAL
12 WORKERS AND THEIR ABILITY TO DO THEIR JOB WITH COMPASSION AND
13 DIGNITY BUT ALSO TO SEPARATE THAT, I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DO
14 IT. YOU'LL FIND SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE ADVOCATES OF
15 LEGISLATION AND PROPONENTS OF POLICIES THAT PROTECT THE
16 INTERESTS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. AND THEY KEEP US
17 HONEST AND THEY KEEP US ACTIVE AND THEY PLAY A VERY INTEGRAL
18 ROLE IN ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF INDIVIDUALS,
19 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE PROTECTED ALL OVER-- THROUGHOUT
20 THIS ENTIRE COUNTY. WE HAVE HERE TODAY LINDSEY JAMES AND TINA
21 PETERSON OF THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
22 OF SOCIAL WORKERS, ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THEIR DISTINGUISHED
23 BOARD, AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THEM A SCROLL DECLARING MARCH
24 2006 SOCIAL WORK MONTH HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
25 CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK. NOW, I



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1 EMBARRASSED HER UPSTAIRS BUT THIS YOUNG LADY, TINA PATTERSON,
2 IF THE NAME RINGS A BELL, I'VE KNOWN HER SINCE BIRTH. SHE IS
3 THE DAUGHTER OF MY CHIEF OF STAFF, KIRK PATTERSON, AND SO
4 WE'RE GOING TO ASK LINDSEY AND TINA TO SAY A FEW WORDS BUT
5 FIRST I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO ALL OF THEM IN
6 RECOGNITION OF SOCIAL WORKER MONTH, MARCH 2006. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **TINA PETERSON:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS QUITE AN
9 HONOR. I'M ALSO UP HERE WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS,
10 INCLUDING DR. SOUTHARD, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF MENTAL HEALTH, AS WELL AS DR. SANDERS, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR
12 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AS WELL AS
13 A NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS IN
14 THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU COULD STAND UP, WHO ARE SOCIAL WORKERS,
15 HAVE COME HERE TODAY FOR THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. SO PLEASE STAND
16 UP. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **TINA PETERSON:** I HAVE A FEW WORDS I WANTED TO SAY IN TERMS OF
19 THANKING THE BOARD. ON BEHALF OF THE PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL
20 WORKERS AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
21 CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS
22 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MARCH AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH. THE NATIONAL
23 ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS IS AN ORGANIZATION OF 155,000
24 SOCIAL WORKERS NATIONWIDE. THERE ARE 12,000 SOCIAL WORKERS IN
25 CALIFORNIA WHO ARE MEMBERS AND APPROXIMATELY 4,000 IN L.A.



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1 COUNTY ALONE. A PERSON IS A SOCIAL WORKER IF THEY HAVE A
2 BACHELOR'S IN SOCIAL WORK, A MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK OR
3 DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM AN ACCREDITED SOCIAL WORK
4 PROGRAM AT A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL
5 WORKER HAS AN M.S.W. PLUS TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS OF TRAINING AND
6 WE HAVE TO PASS A CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL
7 SCIENCES EXAMS. OUR PROFESSION IS VERY BROAD. WE WORK WITH
8 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES. OUR MAIN GOAL
9 IS TO HELP OTHERS. SOMETIMES WE DO THIS THROUGH A MICRO
10 PERSPECTIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, WORKING AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, A
11 PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER OR EAP COUNSELOR. WE ALSO WORK ON A
12 MACRO LEVEL AS ADMINISTRATORS OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS, RESEARCHERS,
13 UNIVERSITY TEACHERS, POLICY PLANNERS AND, YES, WE HAVE A
14 NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS. MANY OF
15 US WORK FOR NONPROFITS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT
17 OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE ALSO WORK AT SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND
18 SOMETIMES YOU CAN SEE US IN FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS. FOR EXAMPLE,
19 WE WORK IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ALSO EMPLOYEE
20 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A COMMITMENT TO THE UNDERSERVED
21 POPULATION, SUCH AS THE HOMELESS, BUT WE ALSO WORK WITH ALL
22 POPULATIONS. WE WORK WITH THE WEALTHY, MIDDLE INCOME, LOW
23 INCOME, WE WORK WITH CHILDREN ALL THE WAY UP TO THE ELDERLY. I
24 WANT TO NOW TURN THIS OVER TO LINDSEY JAMES, WHO IS THE
25 DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL



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1 WORKERS, CALIFORNIA CHAPTER. SHE HAS A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. [
2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **LINDSEY JAMES:** TINA'S A LOT TALLER THAN I AM. I WAS GOING TO
5 HAVE YOU SOCIAL WORKER STAND UP IF TINA DIDN'T DO THAT. IT IS
6 MY GREAT PRIVILEGE TO SHARE THIS PROFESSION WITH YOU. I AM
7 PROUD TO BE CALLED A SOCIAL WORKER. I AM PROUD OF EACH OF YOU
8 WHO ARE HERE WHO HAVE MADE SUCH A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR
9 PROFESSION AND TO OUR SOCIETY. WE DO EXTEND OUR THANKS SO MUCH
10 TO SUPERVISOR KNABE AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE FOR
11 ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PROFESSION, ACKNOWLEDGING OUR CONTRIBUTIONS.
12 I DO WANT TO ADD THAT SOCIAL WORK MONTH IS NOT-- WE DIDN'T
13 CREATE SOCIAL WORK MONTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WALK
14 AROUND GETTING PATS ON THE BACK, THOUGH SOCIAL WORKERS CAN
15 ALWAYS USE A PAT ON THE BACK. WE ARE HERE DESIRING TO
16 COMMUNICATE TO THOSE WHO NEED WHAT SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE TO
17 OFFER, TO LET YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO, TO CONNECT
18 THOSE IN NEED WITH THOSE WHO HAVE THE SKILLS TO PROVIDE FOR
19 THOSE NEEDS. AS THE RABBI MENTIONED EARLIER, JUST TO PIGGY
20 BACK ON HER STORY OF ESTHER, SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW THE
21 WOMAN, HOW ESTHER, THE QUEEN, WAS TOLD, "PERHAPS YOU WERE BORN
22 FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS" AND SHE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND I
23 THINK THAT EVERY SOCIAL WORKER HAS THAT CONVICTION, EVERY
24 SOCIAL WORKER IN THEIR INSTANCE, WHETHER THEY'RE WORKING IN
25 PUBLIC OFFICE, WHETHER THEY ARE AN ADMINISTRATOR OF A PUBLIC



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1 PROGRAM SUCH AS DR. SOUTHARD AND THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE THERE
2 BECAUSE THEY WERE BORN FOR THIS MOMENT, THEY WERE BORN TO MAKE
3 A CONTRIBUTION TO THAT INDIVIDUAL, TO THAT GROUP, THAT
4 INSTITUTION, THE COUNTY AND THE STATE. SO, JUST THANK YOU
5 SOCIAL WORKERS FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE A
6 PART OF THIS PROFESSION AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
7 HONORING US. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MARV AND DAVID?

10

11 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** I, TOO, AM VERY HONORED TO BE A PART OF
12 THE PROFESSION OF SOCIAL WORK. IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
13 ACT, WHICH IS THE BIGGEST THING IN MY WORLD THESE DAYS, THE
14 CORE IDEA IS THAT, IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, WE GO
15 OUT INTO THAT COMMUNITIES RATHER THAN WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO COME
16 TO OUR CLINICS AND WE DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HELP PEOPLE
17 ACHIEVE RECOVERY. AND, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SOCIAL
18 WORKERS, YOU KNOW THAT IS THE ROOT OF OUR PROFESSION, THAT'S
19 HOW WE BEGAN, IS IN THE SETTLEMENT HOUSES DOING EXACTLY THAT,
20 GOING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND DOING WHATEVER IT TOOK TO MAKE
21 PEOPLE HAVE BETTER LIVES. SO I THINK THIS IS THE MOMENT FOR
22 SOCIAL WORKERS TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
23 I'M HONORED TO BE A PART OF THIS PROFESSION. THANK YOU. [
24 APPLAUSE]

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1 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING SOCIAL WORKERS DURING
3 SOCIAL WORK MONTH. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
4 SERVICES SERVES OVER 160,000 CHILDREN DURING THE COURSE OF A
5 YEAR. MANY OF THOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED AND
6 THE WORK IS DONE BY SOCIAL WORKERS. THEY ARE THE FRONT LINE IN
7 PROTECTING CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THE STAFF OF THE
8 DEPARTMENT DO AN ABSOLUTELY TREMENDOUS JOB IN SOME OF THE MOST
9 DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE COMMUNITY AND SO I WANT TO JOIN
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD AND DR. SOUTHARD IN RECOGNIZING
11 THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL
12 AS THOSE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE
13 LISTENING, SO THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOMEONE WHO HAS TAKEN
16 THE TIME JUST TO COME DOWN AND JOIN US. IT'S OUR VERY OWN JOLI
17 FORES AGUILAR, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR CHILDREN'S
18 PLANNING COUNCIL BUT SHE IS ALSO A FORMER N.E.S.W. SOCIAL
19 WORKER OF THE YEAR, SO A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR JOLI BACK
20 THERE. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** AND ONE MORE QUICK THING, I WANT TO ASK LINDSEY TO
23 COME BACK UP HERE, AND I BELIEVE SHE HAS A SPECIAL
24 ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.

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1 **LINDSEY:** APPARENTLY, THIS IS BREAKING NEWS, EVEN FOR THE
2 PERSON THAT I'M ANNOUNCING THIS ABOUT. DR. MARV SOUTHARD IS
3 THIS YEAR'S CALIFORNIA CHAPTER N.A.S.W. SOCIAL WORKER OF THE
4 YEAR. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **LINDSEY:** AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE,
7 DR. SOUTHARD, AND IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO SHARE THE TITLE OF
8 SOCIAL WORKER WITH YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS. ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS.
11 BREAKING NEWS! IT WILL BE ON THE WIRES IN ABOUT 30 SECONDS.
12 ANYWAY, OUR HATS OFF TO ALL OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS HERE IN LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE
14 NATION FOR ALL THAT YOU DO EACH AND EVERY DAY ON BEHALF OF
15 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, NONPROFITS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.
16 WE THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE
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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME REAL
20 INNOVATORS, A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE HISTORY, WHO
21 HAVE SPARKED A NEW GENERATION OF YOUTH TO RECOGNIZE THE
22 ADVENTURES OF SPACE. WHEN WE WERE GROWING UP, THERE WAS BUSTER
23 CRABBE AND FLASH GORDON. LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT ONE DAY
24 PEOPLE WOULD ACTUALLY BE GOING TO MARS. AND TODAY WE'RE GOING
25 TO COMMEND LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE'S OWN JET PROPULSION



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1 LABORATORY'S STARDUST TEAM. J.P.L., EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND
2 N.A.S.A. CELEBRATED THE SUCCESSFUL LANDING OF THE STARDUST
3 SAMPLE RETURN CAPSULE. THIS CAPSULE CONTAINS COMETARY AND
4 INTERSTELLAR SAMPLES GATHERED BY THE STARDUST SPACECRAFT. THIS
5 INNOVATIVE PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE FIRST UNITED STATES SPACE
6 MISSION DEDICATED SOLELY TO THE EXPLORATION OF A COMET. IT'S
7 ALSO THE FIRST ROBOTIC MISSION DESIGNED TO RETURN
8 EXTRATERRESTRIAL MATERIAL FROM OUTSIDE THE ORBIT OF THE MOON.
9 THE STARDUST SPACECRAFT WAS LAUNCHED ON FEBRUARY 7TH IN 1999
10 FROM CAPE CANAVERAL AND-- WITH THE PRIMARY GOAL OF COLLECTING
11 THIS DUST IN CARBON BASED SAMPLES DURING ITS CLOSE ENCOUNTER
12 WITH A COMET CALLED WILE 2. THE MATERIALS ARE BELIEVED TO
13 CONSIST OF ANCIENT PRE-SOLAR INTERSTELLAR GRAINS THAT INCLUDE
14 REMNANTS FROM THE FORMATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM. ANALYSIS OF
15 SUCH FASCINATING CELESTIAL SPECKS IS EXPECTED TO YIELD
16 IMPORTANT INSIGHTS INTO THE SUN, ITS PLANETS AND THE ORIGIN OF
17 LIFE. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND
18 ONCE AGAIN J.P.L. AND N.A.S.A. AND THE TEAM OF SCIENTISTS AND
19 ENGINEERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STARDUST PROGRAM FOR THEIR
20 INVALUABLE WORK IN EXTENDING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOLAR
21 SYSTEM. AND WITH US TODAY TO RECEIVE THESE SCROLLS ARE TOM
22 DUCKSBURY, WHO IS THE STARDUST PRODUCT MANAGER, ROBERT RYAN,
23 STARDUST FLIGHT DIRECTOR, MARALEE FELLOWS, WHO IS THE RISK
24 ASSESSMENT AND MEDIA LIAISON AND, AGAIN, LET ME GIVE YOU THE
25 PROCLAMATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **TOM DUCKSBURY:** MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL THE
3 PRIVILEGED GUESTS HERE TODAY, I ACCEPT THIS FOR A TEAM OF
4 PEOPLE FROM ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTRY. THIS IS A N.A.S.A. MISSION
5 AND WE HAVE MANY SUPPORT FROM THE N.A.S.A. CENTERS THROUGHOUT
6 THE U.S. WE HAD SUPPORT FROM U.S. ARMY AND AIR FORCE IN
7 BRINGING OUR CAPSULE BACK TO LAND ON EARTH, AND, OF COURSE,
8 I'M FROM J.P.L. AND THE LOCKHEED MARTIN PEOPLE IN DENVER BUILT
9 OUR SPACECRAFT. SO, IN BEHALF THESE HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF
10 PEOPLE WHO HELPED ACHIEVE THIS SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR
11 AMERICA, I ACCEPT THIS AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE FLIGHT TEAM, I'D LIKE TO THANK
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS L.A. COUNTY AND THE
15 CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. IT WAS A REAL PRIVILEGE DOING THIS.
16 AND REALLY, THIS FLIGHT TEAM WAS RATHER MAGNIFICENT IN DOING
17 THIS JOB OVER THIS PERIOD OF YEARS. IT WAS A VERY INTERESTING
18 NAVIGATION EXERCISE GETTING THIS CAPSULE BACK HERE. AND, AS
19 TOM SAID, WE'RE DOING IT FOR THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU. [
20 APPLAUSE]

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22 **MARALEE FELLOWS:** I'M MARALEE FELLOWS. I REPRESENT N.A.S.A.
23 HERE TODAY AND WE THANK THE MAYOR AND THE SUPERVISORS FOR
24 RECOGNIZING THIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT BY J.P.L. AND ITS
25 PARTNERS. [APPLAUSE]



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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THIS MORNING WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE TOP COUNTY DEPARTMENT TEAMS AND THE TOP WALKERS FOR THE 2005 MARCH OF DIMES WALK AMERICA EVENT. THIS WAS ESTABLISHED BACK IN 1938 BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO UNITE THE NATION IN FINDING A CURE FOR POLIO. A VACCINE WAS DEVELOPED BY DR. SALK IN 1955. TODAY, THE MISSION OF THE MARCH OF DIMES IS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF BABIES BY PREVENTING BIRTH DEFECTS, PREMATURE BIRTH AND INFANT MORTALITY. WALK AMERICA IS THE MARCH OF DIMES BIGGEST FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING RESEARCH TO HELP BABIES GET A HEALTHY START IN LIFE. SO TODAY WE HAVE OUR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DAVID JANSSEN ON MY LEFT AND WE HAVE SCOTT ARCHIBALD, WHO IS THE STATE DIRECTOR, WALK AMERICA, MARCH OF DIMES AND JOINING US IS THE NATIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR THIS YEAR, 2006, ALEXA OSTOLAZA. ALEXA IS A ENERGETIC FIVE-YEAR-OLD WHO LOVES TO RUN AROUND WITH HER DOGS AND PLAY AT THE LOCAL PLAYGROUNDS. SHE'S ALIVE AND WELL TODAY THANKS TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES DEVELOPED THROUGH RESEARCH FUNDED BY THE MARCH OF DIMES. SHE WAS BORN SEVERELY... [APPLAUSE]

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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: SHE WAS BORN SEVERELY PREMATURE, 15 WEEKS EARLY, AT JUST 1 POUND 4 OUNCES. 1 POUND, 4 OUNCES. IT WAS BECAUSE OF ALEXIS' FRAGILE START IN HER LIFE AND HER CHARMING PERSONALITY AND HER FAMILY'S DEDICATION TO THE MARCH OF DIMES THAT SHE WAS NAMED THE 2006 NATIONAL AMBASSADOR. IN



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1 THE COMING YEAR, SHE AND HER PARENTS WILL TRAVEL ACROSS THE
2 COUNTRY TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF THE GROWING CRISIS OF
3 PREMATURE BIRTH WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PREMATURE BIRTH IN
4 THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY. SO WE'RE PLEASED TO PRESENT THE AWARDS
5 FOR THE TOP COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND DEPARTMENTS AND WE ARE GOING
6 TO FIRST SAY HELLO TO ALEXA. DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? DO
7 YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? SAY HELLO?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. WE SO
10 APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS AND OF THE COUNTY IN
11 OUR CAMPAIGN OF WALK AMERICA FOR MARCH OF DIMES. THE COUNTY
12 RAISED ABOUT \$300,000 FOR MARCH OF DIMES THIS LAST YEAR. [
13 APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SPEAKER:** AND DID A GREAT JOB. WE HAVE SOME GREAT STUFF PLANNED
16 FOR THIS YEAR, INCLUDING THE COUNTYWIDE BLUE JEANS FOR BABIES
17 DAY AND, OF COURSE, WALK AMERICA ON APRIL 29TH, SO WE HOPE TO
18 SEE YOU ALL OUT THERE ON WALK DAY AT GRIFFITH PARK. [APPLAUSE
19]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU WE HAVE, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, WHO RAISED \$83,648, THE TEAM, TOP
23 EIGHT TEAMS. GOOD JOB, BRYCE. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GET THE GROUP. FROM HEALTH SERVICES,
2 \$78,000.31. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE,
5 FOR \$21,608. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY
8 CLERK FOR \$20,518. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, \$9,719. [
11 APPLAUSE]

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S PROBABLY WALKING THE DALMATIAN. [
14 LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM MENTAL HEALTH, \$8,875. [APPLAUSE
17]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, \$8,735. [
20 APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
23 \$8,021. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE SUPERSTAR WALKERS WHO RAISED
2 OVER \$20,000, WE HAVE CAROL WILLIAMS, REGISTRAR-RECORDER, LUPE
3 WUKEE AND OUR OWN DAVID JANSSEN. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** STAR WALKERS, WHO EARNED 8,000 TO
6 15,000 IS MARIBEL WOKEE, AMY ALVARADO AND PATRICIA CALBAGA. [
7 APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOLD WALKERS, 3,000 TO 5,000 IS
10 CRISTINA NGUYEN, LYNNETTE EDWARDS WHEELER, CAROL LOWE AND
11 DARCUS BERRY. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SILVER WALKERS IS HEATHER SHERRY,
14 HORTENCIA DIAZ AND JOAN REYES, SCOTT HALLSTEAD, SHARON RIGGS
15 AND JOYCE MAYWEATHER. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND BRONZE WALKERS, \$1,000 TO \$1,499,
18 ANGELIQUE CARRYON KEYONE, CHRISTINE EVANS, ANN JAYCOWSKI,
19 ALETHIA WILD, AND MARIA RODRIGUEZ, JENNIFER RUSSELL, MAGGIE
20 OVILA, MARK GASGONE AND YOLANDA TILLMAN. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALEXA'S
23 FATHER COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS.

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1 **MR. OSTOLAZA:** WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HAVING US
2 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. IT'S A BUSY YEAR FOR US, WE'RE TRAVELING
3 ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, DIFFERENT CITIES. I BELIEVE THIS IS OUR
4 TENTH OR ELEVENTH STATE. IT'S KIND OF HARD TO KEEP TRACK
5 SOMETIMES BUT I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO GET
6 INVOLVED WITH WALK AMERICA, IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN INVOLVED
7 ALREADY, AND KNOW THAT THESE BABIES THAT ARE BORN PREMATURE,
8 THEY'RE OUR FUTURE, SO WE NEED TO GIVE THEM A FIGHTING CHANCE
9 FROM THE BEGINNING TO BE ABLE TO GROW UP AND BE PRODUCTIVE
10 CITIZENS IN SOCIETY AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, FOR
14 THEIR EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS, THOSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
15 SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
16 AND DR. DAVID SANDERS IS GOING TO JOIN ME, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR
17 OF THE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH-- WE'RE GOING TO BE GIVING THEM,
18 EACH OF THE RECIPIENTS, A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BARNES AND
19 NOBLE BOOKSTORES IN HONOR OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND WE ALL
20 KNOW THE VALUE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION. THIS IS THEIR
21 OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE
22 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY WHO HAVE DONE A SUPERB JOB AND TO BE
23 RECOGNIZED. WE WANT, FOR MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT,
24 IS TO FAREE GONZALEZ ARID. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS EBRET
2 PENA. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOST IMPROVEMENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT,
5 JASMINE COIN. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOST IMPROVEMENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
8 IS CRISTINA MONTEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS
11 URARLY LIMAS. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS VICTORIA
14 LOPEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS DAVID
17 HAMPTON. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. SANDERS, DO YOU WANT TO SAY
20 SOMETHING?

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22 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THANKS AGAIN TO SUPER-- TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH
23 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THESE YOUTH AND
24 THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING
25 EXPERIENCES THAT I HAVE AS THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO SEE



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1 YOUTH WHO HAVE DONE SUCH AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB ACADEMICALLY. AND
2 EACH IS DESERVING OF THEIR AWARD. THANKS ALSO TO BARNES AND
3 NOBLE FOR THE GIFT CERTIFICATES AND I THINK THAT EACH OF THOSE
4 YOUTH WILL-- HAS OPENED DOORS FOR THE FUTURE BY PERFORMING SO
5 WELL ACADEMICALLY, SO CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE SIDNEY, WHO IS A
8 SHEPHERD MIX, A LITTLE GIRL, SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD, LOOKING
9 FOR A HOME. SO HERE'S LITTLE SIDNEY. AND THOSE WATCHING AT
10 HOME CAN CALL AREA CODE (562) 728-4644. AND MY NIECE JUST
11 ADOPTED ONE OF THE COUSINS OF SIDNEY YESTERDAY, THEY'RE
12 PICKING HIM UP TOMORROW FOR MY LITTLE NEPHEWS, SO THEY HAVE A
13 SHEPHERD BOXER MIX AND THIS ONE IS A SHEPHERD MIX WITH MAYBE A
14 LITTLE BOXER IN THERE. LOOK OVER THERE. SEE EVERYBODY?
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR
16 ADJOURNMENTS BUT WHY DON'T WE GO ON TO SECOND DISTRICT.
17 GLORIA'S NOT HERE FOR ADJOURNMENTS.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. MAYOR, I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GORDON PARKS, WHO BECAME THE FIRST
21 AFRICAN-AMERICAN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER AT LIFE MAGAZINE IN LATE
22 1940S AND WHO BROKE MORE GROUND IN HOLLYWOOD TWO DECADES LATER
23 AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO DIRECT A MAJOR STUDIO FILM,
24 "THE LEARNING TREE," AND FOLLOWED BY THE MOVIE "SHAFT." HE
25 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 93. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS



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1 CHILDREN, DAVID, TONY AND LESLIE PARKS. I KNOW THAT HE SPENT
2 MANY, MANY DAYS AND WEEKS HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WAS GREAT ABOUT
3 PROVIDING SEMINARS AT-- I KNOW THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM
4 PRESENTING ONE WAS AT THE MUSEUM IN EXPOSITION PARK AND SO WE
5 CERTAINLY REGRET HIS PASSING. AND JEANETTE CRISTINA CEDILLO,
6 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, HAS PASSED AWAY AFTER BEING
7 STRUCK BY A CAR LAST WEEK. JEANETTE WAS 20 YEARS OLD. SHE
8 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER PARENTS, MARIO AND YOLANDA
9 CEDILLO. THAT CONCLUDES MY...

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
12 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO SADLY
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF YOLANDA BELLINGKAUF, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF
16 MY CHIEF OF STAFF, ELIZA BELLINGKAUF CATS, WHO PASSED AWAY
17 THIS MORNING IN CLAREMONT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'VE KNOWN-- FIRST OF ALL, SHE IS SURVIVED
22 BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS, DAHLIA, ALISA AND DENA. I'VE KNOWN THE
23 BELLINGKAUFS SINCE I WAS A KID AND HER-- MRS. BELLINGKAUF AND
24 HER HUSBAND, ADAR BELLINGKAUF, WHO SURVIVES HER AS WELL, WERE
25 PROTEGES OF MY OWN PARENTS IN JEWISH YOUTH GROUPS GOING BACK



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1 TO THE '30S AND '40 IN THE CITY AND THAT'S HOW I FIRST MET
2 MRS. BELLINGKAUF AND THAT'S HOW I FIRST MET THE BELLINGKAUF
3 GIRLS, AS WE USED TO CALL THEM, THE BELLINGKAUF DAUGHTERS. SHE
4 WAS A FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WORKED HERE, RETIRED FROM THE
5 COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
6 WHAT WE NOW CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
7 SERVICES. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, ACTIVE IN THE
8 CLAREMONT COMMUNITY AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, ADAR,
9 AND HER THREE DAUGHTERS. ALSO, I AND THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
10 MEMORY OF CLARA FABIAN, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS AN
11 ESCAPEE FROM HUNGARY IN WORLD WAR II, REMAINED THROUGHOUT HER
12 LIFE A DETERMINED ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF-- INVOLVEMENT IN THE
13 JEWISH COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN NEED. SHE WAS
14 PREDECEASED BY HER HUSBAND, SAM, AND IS SURVIVED BY HER
15 DAUGHTER, WENDY FABIAN BROGIN, AND SON-IN-LAW NATE BROGIN, AND
16 THREE GRANDCHILDREN, LORI, JENNIFER AND MICHAEL.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED ON THAT AS WELL, TOO.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND DELBERT WONG, LONG-TIME RESIDENT
21 OF OUR DISTRICT, RETIRED JUDGE OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL
22 AND SUPERIOR COURTS AND A PIONEERING LEADER IN THE ASIAN-
23 AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. JUDGE WONG WAS
24 THE FIRST CHINESE- AMERICAN JUDGE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED
25 STATES AND LOCALLY HIS WAS THE FIRST NON-WHITE FAMILY TO HELP



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1 INTEGRATE THE SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MANY YEARS AGO. HE IS
2 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS, DOLORES, THREE SONS, DWAYNE,
3 KENT AND MARSHALL, A DAUGHTER, SHELLY WONG-PITTS, AND THREE
4 GRANDSONS, SANDY, RYAN AND ROBIN.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ADD ME TO THAT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, ME, TOO.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DELBERT WAS A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL, EVEN
11 THOUGH HE WAS 85 YEARS OF AGE, RETIRED FROM THE-- AS A JUDGE,
12 HE WAS STILL A SITTING JUDGE AND, DURING WORLD WAR II, HE
13 RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. HIS CLASS NAVIGATORS
14 OF THE, I THINK, 30 IN THAT CLASS, ONLY ABOUT A HANDFUL
15 SURVIVED. THE OTHERS EITHER WERE KILLED OR ENDED UP PRISONERS
16 OF WAR, AND FOR THAT HE RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING
17 CROSS PLUS A NUMBER OF OTHER MEDALS BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR HIS
18 SERVICE. MY WIFE AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING WITH JUDGE
19 WONG AND HIS WIFE AT A NUMBER OF EVENTS JUST RECENTLY. HE WAS
20 AT AN EVENT I WAS HONORED AT AND WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A
21 MEMORIAL FOR A REPORTER THAT ALSO JUST PASSED AWAY WHO WAS AT
22 THAT EVENT BUT HE DEVOTED HIS TIME TO THE COMMUNITY, TO THE
23 CHINESE- AMERICAN MUSEUM, THE SERVICE CENTER AND HE WAS ALWAYS
24 THERE TO HELP PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR EDUCATION AND THEIR



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1 GOALS. HE WENT WITH HIS BOOTS ON AND HE'S A GOOD MAN. SO
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I KNOW ALL MEMBERS WANT TO
9 JOIN ME ON THIS ONE, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PAT
10 BERRYMAN. PAT PASSED AWAY TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH, SHE WAS 86 YEARS
11 OLD. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF CONNY MCCORMACK, OUR REGISTRAR-
12 RECORDER. IN 1943, MRS. BERRYMAN ENLISTED AS A U.S. ARMY NURSE
13 AND SERVED DURING WORLD WARD II ON THE FRONT LINES IN GERMANY,
14 SAVING THE LIVES OF GRATEFUL SOLDIERS. AT THE END OF THE WAR,
15 SHE LEFT THE ARMY WITH THE RANK OF CAPTAIN AND RETURNED HOME,
16 WHERE SHE MET HER HUSBAND OF 56 YEARS. HER PASSIONS WERE HER
17 FAMILY, GOLF AND BRIDGE. FOR HER SERVICE IN WARTIME, SHE WILL
18 HAVE FULL MILITARY HONORS, INCLUDING A HORSE DRAWN CAISSON, A
19 MILITARY BAND AND WILL BE BURIED ALONGSIDE HER HUSBAND AT
20 ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
21 MEMORY OF KELLY FLETCHER, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY WITH HIS
22 WIFE AT HIS SIDE ON MARCH 11 AT HIS HOME IN TORRANCE. IN WORLD
23 WAR I, HE BRAVELY SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE ARMY IN THE CBI
24 THEATRE. HE CONSIDERED HIMSELF A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN. HE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, VERGIE, AND THEIR ONLY CHILD



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1 AND A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF MINE, CHRISTINE HATCH, WHO IS
2 CURRENTLY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OF GARDENA AND A FORMER
3 DIRECTOR AT SU CASA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BETTY
4 STANGELAND, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 8TH. SHE WAS MARRIED TO
5 HER HUSBAND, JIM STANGELAND, THE HIGHLY REGARDED HALL OF FAME
6 FOOTBALL COACH FOR THE PAST 60 YEARS. SHE WILL DEARLY BE
7 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER
8 HUSBAND JAMES, DAUGHTERS, JULIE, PEGGY, MARYANNE, AND
9 GRANDCHILDREN, RACHEL, HILLARY, ALEX AND RACHEL AND PATEL AND
10 GREAT-GRANDSON, HUNTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
11 BETTY ANDREWS, MANHATTAN BEACH'S FIRST FEMALE POLICE OFFICER,
12 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74, FEBRUARY 27TH. SHE IS
13 SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, ONE DAUGHTER, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO
14 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. SHE ALSO SERVED AS BOARD PRESIDENT OF
15 MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER IN '78 AND WAS NAMED BUSINESSPERSON OF
16 THE YEAR IN '88. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FELISA
17 CARPENTERO, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH
18 CANCER. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND A
19 DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
20 HER HUSBAND, ROLANDO, SON, PAUL; DAUGHTERS, CATHERINE,
21 JEANETTE AND SHEILA AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ASHLYN DYER, A MYRA ACOSTA, WHO PASSED
23 AWAY ON MARCH 12TH AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER
24 WHILE JOGGING. SHE GREW UP IN MANHATTAN BEACH AND MOVED TO THE
25 BAY AREA. HER DOCTORS WERE ABLE TO HARVEST ALL HER HEALTHY



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1 ORGANS, WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE GIFT OF LIFE TO SO MANY. SHE IS
2 SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER
3 FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VENTURA "BENNY"
4 GARCIA OF DOWNEY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68 AFTER A
5 HEART ATTACK WHILE WAITING FOR SURGERY. HE WAS PROUD OF HIS
6 CHILDREN, HIS TRUCKING BUSINESS, POLOVIC TRANSPORT, AND HAD
7 SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS A PARATROOPER WITH THE ARMY'S 101ST
8 AIRBORNE DIVISION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS
9 AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. AND FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN
10 MEMORY OF GERTRUDE TIGHE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92.
11 SHE WORKED FOR MGM FOR MANY YEARS, STARTING IN 1945, WHERE SHE
12 MET HER HUSBAND, EDWARD. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER
13 HUSBAND, EDWARD. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, OLIVE JUSTUS,
14 BROTHER-IN-LAW, WALTER, DAUGHTERS, PAM, PATRICIA, MAUREEN AND
15 JOYCE, GRANDDAUGHTER, MAUREEN, MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. SHE'LL
16 BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,
17 MR. MAYOR.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
20 ORDERED. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACK ARAKELIAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
22 AGE OF 93. JACK WAS A GOOD FRIEND, ONE OF MY FIRST SUPPORTERS.
23 HE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER AND TRUSTEE OF THE HOLY CROSS
24 ARMENIAN CHURCH, ACTIVE IN THE SHRINE AND A NUMBER OF
25 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE FINANCE



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1 COMMITTEE FOR GOVERNOR GEORGE DUKMACHIAN'S SUCCESSFUL
2 GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGNS AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CAMPAIGN. WE
3 DID ETHEL. DICK RICHARDS, JR. WHO WAS A FORMER SOUTH PASADENA
4 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR, PASSED AWAY MARCH 9TH. HE
5 SERVED TWO TERMS ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND TWO AS MAYOR. ROBERT
6 REEN, RETIRED DEPUTY COUNTY SHERIFF. JOHN FRENCH SARGEANT,
7 QUITE ACTIVE IN GLENDALE, SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FORMER
8 GIRL SCOUT LEADER, MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLENDALE ASSOCIATION FOR
9 THE RETARDED, THE GLENDALE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES COMMITTEE, PAST
10 PRESIDENT OF VERDUGO CLUB AND ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE MASONIC
11 LODGE. HE AND HIS WIFE, JOANNE, WERE QUITE INVOLVED IN ALL OF
12 THE ACTIVITIES IN GLENDALE AND A VERY FINE MAN. CLARA FABIAN.
13 SHE IS AN ESCAPEE FROM HUNGARY OF THE HOLOCAUST. SHE REMAINED
14 THROUGH HER LIFE A DILIGENT ADVOCATE FOR THE ONGOING PLIGHT OF
15 ALL JEWS AND PEOPLE IN NEED.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST DID THAT.

18
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER,
20 WENDY, AND SON-IN-LAW, NATE, AND GRANDCHILDREN LORI, JENNIFER,
21 MICHAEL. JENNIFER WORKED IN MY OFFICE. AND WENDY HAD BEEN
22 QUITE INVOLVED IN MY OFFICE AS WELL. THOMAS HUNT, RETIRED
23 SERGEANT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
24 EVANGELINE ILLIG, WHO WORKED FOR THE BRITISH AIR COMMISSION IN
25 WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE WAS THE MODEL AS ROSY THE RIVETER AND SHE



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1 PASSED AWAY. ALENE MACMINN. ALENE IS A RETIRED REPORTER FROM
2 1978 THROUGH 1993 WITH THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES". SHE WAS A
3 NEIGHBOR OF MINE IN GLENDALE. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER WHILE IN
4 HIGH SCHOOL AT THE GLENDALE NEW PRESS WHILE A STUDENT
5 ATTENDING GLENDALE COLLEGE AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO U.S.C. SHE
6 LATER BECAME AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND, JUST A FEW WEEKS
8 AGO, WAS IN MY OFFICE INTERVIEWING ME WHEN I WAS THE RECIPIENT
9 OF BYU ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD. AND THIS WAS QUITE A SHOCK.
10 LUCILE MARTIN PARKS. SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE BURBANK UNIFIED
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS. JONATHAN C. Y. WOO, WHO
12 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81, LEAVES HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN,
13 ERNIE AND GRACE AND GRANDCHILD. RITA RICHMAN. SHE IMMIGRATED
14 TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE AGE OF NINE. SHE WAS BORN IN
15 RUSSIA AND WAS THE WIFE OF THE LATE ARTHUR RICHMAN. ANGELINA
16 "ANGIE" SARACINO URIOSTE. SHE WAS 30 YEARS AS A MUSIC EDITOR
17 AT MGM. HER NEPHEW, BILL SARACINO, WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN MANY
18 OF MY CAMPAIGNS. AND RICHARD GRANDVILLE BATES, WHO WAS ACTIVE
19 IN THE GLENDALE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH. SECONDED. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I HAVE A MOTION I WOULD LIKE TO
21 INTRODUCE. ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS, BADGES, DEPARTMENT
22 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND OFFICIAL NAME TAGS HAVE BEEN
23 ISSUED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO A
24 NUMBER OF CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH THE
25 POLICE ACADEMY. THE REPORTS FURTHER LIST EXAMPLES OF HOW THESE



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1 ITEMS HAVE LED TO SPECIAL FAVORS OR ALLOWED ACCESS TO SECURE
2 AREAS WHICH RECIPIENTS WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN DENIED.
3 BECAUSE OF THE HILLSIDE STRANGLER CASE, THE ANTONIO BONO,
4 ANGELO BUONO, THE BOARD PASSED AN ORDINANCE BEFORE I WAS A
5 SUPERVISOR IN APRIL OF 1980 RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF BADGES
6 WHICH COULD BE-- NEED TO BE REVIEWED NOW. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE
7 BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO REVIEW THE
8 COUNTY EXISTING CODES AND THE SHERIFF'S CURRENT PRACTICES WHEN
9 ISSUING BADGES AND DEPARTMENT PHOTO I.D. CARDS TO CIVILIANS
10 AND REPORT BACK WITH FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS IN TWO WEEKS
11 AND I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO RAY ON THIS, SO WITHOUT OBJECTION,
12 SO ORDERED. DOES GLORIA HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

13

14 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SHE DID HAVE ONE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 42, REGIONAL PLANNING, WAS TO BE
17 APPROVED AND THAT WAS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAD OVERLOOKED THAT
18 AND THAT WAS TO APPOINT PAUL MCCARTHY AS HEARING OFFER WITHIN
19 THE DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM THE DUTIES RELATING TO THE CONDUCT
20 OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS ON LAND USE
21 PERMITS AND VARIANCES. MOVED BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR BURKE, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?
23 GLORIA'S NOT HERE.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE HERE, I THINK IT
2 WOULD BE-- I'LL CALL UP-- SHALL WE WAIT FOR HER BEFORE WE CALL
3 UP ITEM 20? WE'LL CALL UP SOME OF THE OTHERS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR CHOICE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM 2-H.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 2-H? OKAY. THAT WAS HELD BY SYLVIA
10 HAWKINS. SYLVIA HAWKINS? AND ROBERTO CARBAJAL. IS SYLVIA HERE?
11 OKAY. THANK YOU. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU
12 SPEAK.

13

14 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MISS SYLVIA HAWKINS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD MORNING.

17

18 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** GOOD MORNING. DO I CONTINUE TO SPEAK? OKAY.
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I NOTICE CONCERNING HOUSING, I WOULD JUST
20 LIKE TO READ THIS PARAGRAPH TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE
21 MUST STOP AT THIS TIME ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE IN
22 CHURCHES LIKE PHILIPPINES, ASIA, AFRICAN-AMERICAN BLACKS, ANY
23 ALL THAT ARE HERE TO BE LEGAL FROM OUR UNITED STATES OF
24 AMERICA, NATIONAL IMMIGRANTS BUILDING FEDERATION. WE STAND IN
25 NEED OF NO MORE PEOPLE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO



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1 FILL UP OUR SCHOOLS OR FOR WORKING IN THE FOREIGN FIELD OR
2 ENROLLING TO BE LEGAL IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO LEARN THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLES DRIVING LICENSE BOOKLETS OR TO ENROLL
4 IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SCHOOLS FOR OVER 300 JOB POSITIONS
5 FROM TRADE TECH OR IN THE UNIVERSITY TO FILL UP OUR JOB
6 POSITIONS. OUR CHURCHES AND PULPITS MUST CLOSE DOWN BECAUSE
7 THIS IS THE ONLY WAY ILLEGAL BLACKS OR HISPANICS PEOPLE CAN
8 MAKE MONEY FOR CHECKS OR CASH FROM THE PUBLIC PEOPLE. AGAIN,
9 CHURCH AND STATE IS SEPARATE AT THIS TIME AND WE HAVE NO
10 CONTROL WHO IS OVER THESE PULPITS OF SO MANY DENOMINATIONS AND
11 CHURCHES. THEREFORE, WE'RE ASKING ALL RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE TO
12 PLEASE REMOVE YOURSELF OUT OF CHURCHES. WE ALSO STAND IN NEED
13 AND TO KNOW THE BACKGROUND OF WHO IS IN THE PULPIT, WHETHER
14 THEY ARE FELONY, WHETHER THEY ARE FUGITIVES, WHETHER THEY ARE
15 ILLEGALS. I HAVE BEEN TO CHURCHES BUT I'M SAYING THAT WE DO
16 NOT KNOW, WE DO NOT HAVE A SAY OVER, WE DO NOT HAVE A VOTE.
17 THERE IS FIGHTING IN ALL COUNTY CHURCHES AND PULPITS AND NOW
18 IT HAS GOTTEN TO THE POINT THAT THE FELONIES AND THE FRAUDS
19 AND THE FUGITIVES THAT HAVE CAME OUT OF JAIL CELLS OR OUT OF
20 ANOTHER COUNTRY OR STATE IS ALLOWED TO BE OVER PEOPLE AND IS
21 _____ PEOPLE THAT IS ALLOWING PEOPLE IN CHURCH,
22 WHETHER THEY ARE LEGAL OR NOT. I'M NOT SAYING CARDINAL MAHONEY
23 IN ALLOWING PEOPLE IN CHURCHES AND NOW WORKING THEM ILLEGAL OR
24 PREACHING TO THEM. AGAIN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ALL CHURCHES
25 STAND IN NEED OF CLOSE DOWN UNTIL WE FIND A BACKGROUND CHECK,



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1 I THINK IT SHOULD BE ILLEGAL FOR PREACHERS TO PREACH IN
2 PULPITS THAT ARE FELONY AND FUGITIVE AND FRAUD. THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL
6 UP YVONNE AUTRY. YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY. YES, SIR.

7

8 **ROBERT CARBAJAL:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, SIR. I WAS HERE TO
9 SPEAK, I BELIEVE, THIS ISSUE WAS ON HOUSING AND I'M HAVING A
10 HOUSING PROBLEM WITH THE SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST. I HAVE AN SRO
11 DOWNTOWN. I'M BEING EVICTED BECAUSE I DIDN'T PAY THE RENT ON
12 TIME. I HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THESE PEOPLE TO PAY THE
13 RENT BEFORE THE TIME OF THE NEXT ONE. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE
14 WAS AN EVICTION PROCEEDING AGAINST ME. I WAS GIVEN SOME PAPERS
15 AND I WAS TOLD, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, AS LONG AS YOU PAY THE
16 RENT, IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT." I DIDN'T KNOW AT THIS POINT THAT
17 WAS NOT THE CASE, I HAD FIVE DAYS TO ANSWER THIS SUMMONS. I
18 DIDN'T DO THAT. I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE AT THIS SRO, THE SIMONE
19 HOTEL, A CASE WORKER, YVETTE NELSON, WHO IS SUPPOSED TO
20 EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO ME BECAUSE THIS IS FOR PEOPLE WITH
21 MENTAL HANDICAPS AND CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. SHE'S SUPPOSED TO
22 SEE ME ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND A MONTHLY BASIS FOR THE RENT AND
23 THINGS LIKE THAT TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY. SHE'S
24 NOT PROVIDING HER JOB AND, AS A RESULT, SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE
25 BEEN EVICTED AND ARE NOW SLEEPING ON THE STREET BECAUSE SHE'S



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1 NOT EXPECTED TO DO HER JOB, BASICALLY NO ONE IS SEEING--
2 THERE'S NO FOLLOW-UP IF YOU ARE EVICTED. I JUST SAW HER ON THE
3 WAY OUT TO HERE. SHE'S NOT, LIKE, SAYING, "WELL, LET'S HELP
4 YOU FIND A PLACE AFTER YOU LEAVE HERE."

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK YOU, IS SOMEBODY FROM THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COULD COME OUT, AND WHY DON'T
8 YOU GO OVER BY WHERE YOU SIGNED IN AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE TALK
9 TO YOU.

10

11 **ROBERT CARBAJAL:** YES, SIR. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU GET SOMEBODY? YES?

14

15 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
16 ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. LAST WEEK WE HAD A MEETING AT THE CITY
17 HALL ABOUT THE EVICTIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE IN HOTELS AND JUST
18 HOW UNFAIR, HOW UNJUST THAT THAT IS BECAUSE A LOT OF THE
19 PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING THERE ARE SINGLE MOTHERS, CHILDREN ARE
20 BEING AFFECTED, VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND SO WE WERE
21 SPEAKING AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL. I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD LISTEN
22 TO ROBERT, LISTEN TO MY COMMENTS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
23 IN THE HOTELS DON'T HAVE THE PROTECTION THAT I HAVE. I LIVE IN
24 AN APARTMENT, OKAY, I WILL MAKE SURE THAT I AM PAID RELOCATION
25 FEES DURING THE REGENTRIFICATION OF DOWNTOWN BECAUSE THAT IS



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1 WHAT'S HAPPENING. THE POOR ARE BEING MOVED OUT, THEY'RE
2 PRIMARILY BLACK AND LATIN PEOPLE, WEALTHIER CAUCASIAN,
3 WEALTHIER MIDDLE UPPER CLASS WHITE, CAUCASIAN PEOPLE ARE BEING
4 MOVED IN, MOSTLY ARTISTS AND WITHOUT ANY PROTECTION THAT WE
5 HAVE, LIKE THE LEGAL AID, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE BEING DISPLACED.
6 IN THE EVENT THAT THEY ARE DISPLACED, MANY OF THEM THEN BECOME
7 HOMELESS AND THAT'S A WHOLE 'NOTHER PROBLEM BECAUSE, IN THE
8 STREET, THEY ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO POLICE BRUTALITY,
9 EXCESSIVE FORCE THAT IS USED. SO I HAVE THE PROTECTION, LIKE I
10 SAID, BECAUSE I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING BUT I WANT THIS
11 ON THE RECORD SO THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE IN HOTELS, LIKE ROBERT
12 AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING SET UP, THEY'RE BEING
13 HARASSED. I WAS HARASSED. I WENT TO COURT AND I WON. IT WAS
14 SOMEONE THAT WAS SENT BY THE MANAGEMENT TO TRY TO GET ME
15 EVICTED BUT I WON BECAUSE I WAS RIGHT AND I PROVED THAT I WAS
16 CORRECT BY MY MANAGERS AT THE HAYWARD MANOR APARTMENTS. LIKE I
17 SAID, THE ADVANTAGE THAT I HAD WAS THAT I LIVED IN AN
18 APARTMENT BUILDING. SO HOPEFULLY YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS
19 ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT THE HOTELS BECAUSE THE
20 CORPORATIONS ARE BUYING OUT THE HOTELS AND SECTION 8 APARTMENT
21 BUILDINGS AND IT'S MORE LUCRATIVE FOR THEM TO FORCE OUT THEIR
22 CURRENT RESIDENTS AND RECEIVE THE MONEYS COMING FROM THE
23 CORPORATIONS THAN ALLOWING THE FAMILIES SOME, LIKE I SAID,
24 SINGLE MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN, VETERANS AND SENIOR CITIZENS TO
25 STAY THERE. AND THE PRACTICES THAT THEY'RE USING TO FORCE AND



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1 COERCE THE RESIDENTS ARE ILLEGAL, OKAY? AND A LOT OF THE
2 RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION AND THEY'RE BEING COERCED
3 AND THEY'RE BEING HARASSED AND THEY'RE LOSING THEIR ROOMS AND
4 THEY'RE BECOMING HOMELESS. THAT'S INCREASING THE HOMELESS
5 POPULATION. AGAIN, MOST OF THESE PEOPLE, FOR ALL I KNOW, MIGHT
6 BE MOVED INTO DETENTION CENTERS. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE, YOU
7 KNOW, HARASSED AND THEN IMPRISONED. AND SO THAT'S ILLEGAL AND
8 THAT'S NOT POSITIVE. SO I WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.
9 HOPEFULLY, YOU WILL-- I JUST WANTED THIS ON THE RECORD, I
10 WANTED TO EXPOSE THAT AND HOPEFULLY YOU WILL LISTEN TO ROBERT
11 AND, HELP HIM. AND I WANTED TO SPEAK ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
12 OTHER HOTELS. LIKE I SAID, BECAUSE OF THE REGENTRIFICATION, SO
13 MANY LOTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FINANCED AND HAD SO MANY PEOPLE
14 THAT ARE RESIDENTS ARE UNDER PRESSURE. SO I WANTED TO EXPOSE
15 THAT AND HOPEFULLY YOU WILL MAKE SOME-- TAKE SOME MEASURES TO
16 PROTECT THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY LIVING DOWNSTAIRS
17 BECAUSE WE DO HAVE RIGHTS UNDER THE HOUSING STABILIZATION AND
18 RENT CODE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, YVONNE.

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22 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MOTION. SECONDED.

25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM 8 AND THEN...

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NUMBER 8. WE HAVE RICHARD
5 ROBINSON MR. ROBINSON?

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7 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON,
8 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER. I RESIDE IN MR. YU'S SEVEN STAR MOTEL
9 AT 1730 NORTH LA BREA IN ROOM 104 IN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
10 DISTRICT. I SUPPORT SUPERVISORS KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY IN THEIR
11 RECOMMENDATION TO PROACTIVELY IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY SPECIFIC
12 PREVENTION PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITIES TO
13 PROMOTE SAFE, STABLE AND NURTURING FAMILIES AND PREVENT CHILD
14 ABUSE AND NEGLECT. HONORABLE-- IT'S TRULY A BRILLIANT PIECE OF
15 LEGISLATION THAT EVOKES THE PITHY. HONORABLE MAYOR, IN
16 INCORPORATING THE WORK OF THIS PREVENTION PLAN, THE CHILDREN'S
17 PLANNING COUNCIL, FIRST FIVE L.A. AND THE MENTAL HEALTH
18 SERVICES ACT STAKEHOLDERS PROCESS, INCLUDING THE SERVICE
19 PLANNING AREAS, AMERICAN- INDIAN CHILDREN'S COUNCIL, I AM PART
20 NATIVE AMERICAN CHEROKEE, SOUTH CAROLINA, MISSISSIPPI
21 CHICKASAW, AND ARKANSAS. PARDON ME FOR WAVING MY TOMAHAWK.
22 THERE IS AN AFRICAN SPEAR THERE, TOO. PARDON ME. I AM PART
23 NATIVE AMERICAN. INSTRUCTING MR. JANSSEN TO WORK TO IMPLEMENT
24 THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY-SPECIFIC PREVENTION PROGRAM BY
25 FACILITATING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND WORK GROUPS OF RESIDENTS,



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1 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS OTHER PUBLIC
2 AGENCIES AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE SERVICE INTEGRATION
3 BRANCH AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DESIGNATED AGENCIES OTHER THAN
4 THOSE, YOU ARE DEVELOPING SPECIFIC PREDICTABLE OUTCOMES. THE
5 LANGUAGE OF THE RECOMMENDATION LEAVES NO ROOM FOR CONFUSION.
6 THE SPECIFICITY OF THE LANGUAGE IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR AND LEAVES
7 NO DOUBT AS TO YOUR INTENT BECAUSE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS
8 FOR 12 MONTHS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER, WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH
9 INFORMATION REGARDING ACCOMPLISHMENT. THIS EXTENSIVELY WRITTEN
10 AND CONCISE LEGISLATION WILL BRING TOGETHER COMMUNITY AND YOU.
11 TO QUOTE FORMER MAYOR RICHARD REARDON, "TOGETHER WE ARE THE
12 BEST." THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MOTION BY BURKE.
15 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP 28.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 28. SYLVIA HAWKINS. DO YOU WANT TO
20 ALSO, IN YOUR COMMENT, MENTION 25, BECAUSE YOU HELD THAT ITEM
21 AS WELL. YOU DO BOTH OF THEM.

22

23 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** NUMBER 25?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HELD 25 WAS THE PARKS AND
2 RECREATION, BASSET PARK, DALTON PARK, ALLEN MARTIN PARK,
3 AMELIA...

4

5 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** OKAY. I DO HAVE NUMBER 25, 24 AND 28.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** COULD WE CALL ALL THREE? IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON
8 THOSE ITEMS? HMM?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE OTHERS ON 24.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. 25 AND 28.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. 25 AND 28, DO YOU WANT TO
15 COMMENT ON THOSE TWO?

16

17 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** AND THEN NUMBER 24?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** 25.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, 28, WE HAVE TO SWEAR
22 IN THE PEOPLE ON 28. THAT'S A PUBLIC HEARING.

23

24 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** OKAY. CAN I HAVE THREE MINUTES FOR EACH?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ITEM 28
2 FIRST.

3

4 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** FOR ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON
5 ITEM NUMBER 28, WILL YOU PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT
6 HAND TO BE SWORN IN?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SYLVIA, 28.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** 58 IS THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WILMINGTON.

11

12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** I'M SORRY. I HAD IT WRONG.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO PROBLEM. LITTLE CONFUSION THERE. 58
15 IS THE ONE. OKAY.

16

17 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** SPEAK ON NUMBER 28.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO 25 OR 28 FIRST, WHICHEVER ONE YOU
20 WANT.

21

22 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** I'LL GO ON NUMBER 25 FIRST.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

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1 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** CONCERNING JAIL CELLS, NEW JAIL CELLS, I WOULD
2 SAY "NO" TO. THIS SYBIL BRAND JAIL CELL HAS ALREADY BEEN
3 TAMPERED WITH BY BISHOPS CHARLES BLAKE AND L.A. COUNCIL
4 MEMBERS. TO ENTER AND DESTROY MENTALLY ILL WOMEN'S BRAINS AND
5 TO ILLEGALLY HAVE SEX WITH THEM WITH ANIMALS FOR BABIES. WITH
6 ANIMALS FOR BABIES. AGAIN, THIS WAS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11TH,
7 2001, OF SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT WITH EIGHT DIFFERENT
8 GOVERNMENTS. CLOSING DOWN SAN DIEGO ZOO, GRIFFIN PARK IS A
9 GREAT THING TO DO. WE MUST HAVE ALL ANIMALS OUTSIDE TO BE IN
10 THE WILDLIFE, WILDERNESS FOREST AND PARKS IN 12 STATES OF THE
11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE NEED A NEW LAW MEASURE FOR ALL
12 PUBLIC PEOPLE OUT OF THESE 12 STATES BUT ANIMALS ONLY OF 90%
13 SAY "NO" TO THIS BOND MEASURE FOR A NEED BECAUSE THE SHERIFFS
14 AND INMATES HAS BEEN CONGRESS ILLEGALLY BEHIND THE JAIL CELL
15 WALLS. AGAIN, SYBIL BRAND IS CLOSED DOWN AND NOW IS IN STAND
16 OF A NEED FOR REOPENING. THERE IS NO CONGRESS IN THE UNITED
17 STATES OF AMERICA THAT HAS BEEN KICKED IT OUT, FOR US TO FIND
18 OUT THAT CONGRESS HAS BEEN GOING ON IN U.S.A. THAT IS AGAINST
19 THE LAW. THERE WAS A QUESTION ASKED TO PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH,
20 SHOULD CONGRESS BE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THAT WAS
21 IN YEAR 2001. THE ANSWER WAS NO. SO TO FIND OUT THAT IT'S BEEN
22 GOING ON IN UNIVERSITIES AND IN JAIL CELLS I THINK THAT THAT
23 IS ILLEGAL. SO I'M AGAINST ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER BUILDING ANY
24 KIND OF MORE JAIL CELLS OR ANY KIND OF MORE THINGS BUILT
25 UNDER. THAT'S ON NUMBER 25. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ANY MOTION BY...

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE 25 AND 28.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION ON 25. SO
7 ORDERED. OKAY. 28.

8

9 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** ON NUMBER 28, AGAIN, IS TALKING ABOUT OUR
10 PIPELINES. WE MUST BE AWARE OF THE ANTI-TERRORISTS THAT ARE
11 HERE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THAT ARE STEALING OUR
12 PORTS, ILLEGALLY STEALING _____ PRIVATE PART OF
13 URINE AND BLOOD AND DO-DO, EVEN OF MYSELF, TO DELIVER OVERSEAS
14 FOR MEDICATION AND FOOD. WE ARE ASKING GOVERNOR ARNOLD
15 SCHWARZENEGGER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOT TO ACCEPT MEDICATION
16 FROM OVERSEAS BECAUSE OF IRAQ AND ISLAMISTS FAKING TRAYS OR
17 POISONING MEDICINE AND SENDING IT BACK TO UNITED STATES OF
18 AMERICA. NO ONE-- I WOULD SAY NO ON ANY MEDICATION AT THIS
19 TIME. WE MUST FOCUS THIS WAR FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN UNITED
20 STATES OF AMERICA, ANTI-TERRORISM THAT IS HERE ARE STEALING ON
21 MY PART PERSONALLY FOR STEALING OF ILLEGAL TRADES. I'M ASKING
22 ALL THE PUBLIC PEOPLE TO USE YOUR PRIVATE PART AND NO
23 MEDICATION FOR YOU ARE ALREADY HEALED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION ON ITEM 28, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM 20.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. 20.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA...

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, SO IS SHE
11 HERE OR NOT?

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** I THOUGHT SHE WAS-- SHE WAS IN A MEETING. IF IT'S
14 GOING TO BE ANOTHER FEW MINUTES, I'LL GO ON AND TAKE-- SHE
15 SAID SHE WOULD COME OUT? SHOULD I DO ONE MORE ITEM OR...

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WHY DON'T WE DO ITEM NUMBER...

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** 58?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, ITEM 58.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** ARE THERE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THAT?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY FROM WILMINGTON CEMETERY HERE?
2 ANYONE FROM WILMINGTON? ANYBODY TO TESTIFY ON ITEM 58? OKAY.
3 WE'LL HAVE A MOTION BY BURKE TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE
4 THE ITEM. SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO
5 ORDERED. SO ITEM 58 IS APPROVED.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I'LL GO ON TO 24, IF SHE'S-- WE CALLED HER
8 AND SO LET'S GO TO 24.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 24. WE HAVE ROBERTO, ONCE AGAIN,
11 YVONNE AUTRY AND SYLVIA HAWKINS. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
12 RECORD ONCE AGAIN.

13

14 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** OKAY. MY NAME IS MISS SYLVIA HAWKINS. AGAIN,
15 THIS IS CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH ON NUMBER 24. I AM TALKING
16 ABOUT DRUGS AND INMATES. AS WE OBSERVE THE MENTAL HEALTH OF
17 ALL INMATES OF ALL JAIL CELLS, WE ARE ASKING OURSELVES THIS:
18 BECAUSE OF IRON OR BULLETPROOF OF THE CELL, OF HOW THEY ARE
19 BUILDING THESE BUILDINGS AND JAIL CELLS, IS THAT THE CAUSE OF
20 MENTALLY ILL, BECAUSE OF BULLETPROOF OR IS THAT THE CAUSE OF
21 WHY THEY CAME HERE CLEARLY WHEN THEY COME OUT OF JAIL CELLS?
22 IT IS A GOOD LAW THAT ALL INMATES BE AWARE OF THEIR CHOICE TO
23 USE MEDICATION OR NOT. AND ALL ARE ALLOWED TO SIGN FOR IT OR
24 SAY "NO", WHICH IS BECOMING A NEW LAW FOR ALL 58 STATES, NOT
25 THAT IT SHOULD BE FORCED UPON YOU BUT IT SHOULD BE A CHOICE IF



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1 YOU ARE IN JAIL. WE MUST ALL SAY "NO" TO ANY MEDICATION AND
2 NOT BE FORCED AGAIN TO TAKE ANY MEDICATION IN JAIL CELLS OR
3 REHABILITATION HOUSING, HOMELESS SHELTERS OR HOSPITALS. WE ARE
4 STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR. WE SEE THE SITUATION
5 CONCERNING PAIN MEDICATION, DIABETES AND THE QUALITY OF
6 MEDICATION IS GOING DOWN. FOR A PERSONAL WITNESS MYSELF,
7 SYLVIA HAWKINS, I WAS ON 70/30 INSULIN FOR OVER EIGHT TO 10
8 YEARS. I WAS ON DEPROCOAT AND MENTAL ILL PILLS OF LITHIUM FOR
9 OVER 10 YEARS. I'VE BEEN HEALED NOW, OFF OF ALL MEDICATION FOR
10 OVER SEVEN YEARS. SO, THEREFORE, WE DO NOT WANT TO BE
11 OVERPOPULATED OF U.S.A. STATE, OVERMEDICATED OR WE ARE NEVER
12 GOING TO COME INTO HEALING. WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS OF THE
13 TOURISTS HERE AGAIN BECAUSE I BECAME HEALED BECAUSE OF MY
14 PRIVATE PARTS. WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS OF MEDICATION THAT
15 NOW THEY ARE USING DEAD PEOPLE BODY, LIVING BODY, NOW PRIVATE
16 PARTS OF PEOPLE THAT IS ON SAN PEDRO AND FIELD STREET, PEOPLE
17 ARE HEALED OF CANCER, A.I.D.S., ALL MEDICATION. WE DO NOT WANT
18 TO USE OUR GOVERNMENT U.S.A. JUST TO GAIN, LIKE CHARLES BLAKE
19 SAY, MEMBERS OF AFRICA AND U.S.A. OF H.I.V. MEDICATION AND NOW
20 FOR FOUR YEARS, \$4 MILLION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MISS HAWKINS.

23

24 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE? YOU'VE
2 DONE PRETTY WELL ALL-- ALMOST EVERY ITEM. MISS AUTRY.

3

4 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL, I KNOW SYLVIA FROM INGLEWOOD.
5 SYLVIA USED TO ATTEND THE INGLEWOOD CITY COUNSEL MEETINGS AND
6 SHE ALSO HAVE A BUSINESS IN INGLEWOOD, GOES BACK ABOUT SEVEN
7 OR EIGHT YEARS, SO I APPRECIATE HER COMMENTS BUT I UNDERSTAND
8 WHAT SHE'S SAYING BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME SURVIVORS THAT HAVE
9 BEEN EXPERIMENTED ON, HAVE BEEN MISDIAGNOSED AND HAVE BEEN
10 HORRIBLY STIGMATIZED AND HORRIBLY STEREOTYPED AND WE LIVE TO
11 SPEAK ABOUT SOME ISSUES THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND OR
12 THEY THINK THAT IT'S SO OUTLANDISH OR THEY THINK WE'VE BEEN
13 WATCHING TOO MANY OF THE "X FILES" OR WHAT HAVE YOU BUT WE ARE
14 SURVIVORS, AND MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE LABELED MENTALLY ILL HAVE
15 BEEN MISDIAGNOSED. THEY HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTED ON, NOT ONLY
16 WITH EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS BUT THEY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED,
17 THEY'VE BEEN HORRIBLY TRAUMATIZED, THEY'VE BEEN IMPLANTED,
18 THEY'VE BEEN HYPNOTIZED AND THESE ARE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU
19 WOULD THINK ARE FICTIONAL BUT IT IS HAPPENING TODAY AND IT IS
20 HAPPENING UNDER GOVERNMENT FINANCED MIND CONTROL EXPERIMENTS.
21 LIKE I HAD SAID MONTHS BEFORE, IT IS AN EXERCISE AND AN
22 EXPERIMENT IN MASS MANIPULATION AND POPULATION CONTROL AND IT
23 MUST STOP BECAUSE IT LEAVES SOME PEOPLE DISORIENTED,
24 DYSFUNCTIONAL AND CONFUSED FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES AND,
25 WHEN WE SPEAK ABOUT IT, WE ARE SO CONVENIENTLY, YOU SEE,



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1 LABELED AS TROUBLEMAKERS, CRAZY, BIPOLAR, MANIC DEPRESSIVE,
2 SCHIZOPHRENIC, PSYCHOTIC, PARANOID OR DELUSIONAL OR A
3 TERRORIST, WHICH WILL THEN JUSTIFY THE POLICE EXCESSIVE FORCE
4 OR BRUTALITY WHICH IS USED AND PERPETRATED AGAINST US EVERY
5 DAY! AND IT MUST STOP AND IT WILL STOP AS LONG AS WE SURVIVE
6 TO EXPOSE THIS ILLEGAL ACTIVITY THAT IS HAPPENING AND
7 JUSTIFIED UNDER HOMELAND SECURITY, THE ANTI-TERRORIST ACTS AND
8 THE PATRIOTS ACT! YOU CANNOT JUSTIFY AN EXTERMINATION OR A
9 SUBJUGATION, OR EXPLOITATION, EXPERIMENTATION AND A GENOCIDE
10 AND A VERY REAL HOLOCAUST OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTED
11 ON IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! SO YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND
12 WHAT SHE IS SAYING IS VERY TRUE AND THESE DRUGS ARE USED TO
13 CREATE IMBALANCES SO THAT, YOU KNOW, THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT
14 USUALLY BORN SO COMPLETELY IMBALANCED. AGAIN, IF WE SPEAK UP,
15 IF WE'RE ACTIVISTS OR IF WE EXHIBIT ANY TYPE OF LEADERSHIP
16 POTENTIAL, GOD FORBID, THEN WE ARE MISDIAGNOSED AND LABELED
17 AND THEN DEALT WITH WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF STEREOTYPES,
18 MISDIAGNOSES, WHAT HAVE YOU. AGAIN, YOU KNOW, FOR THREE YEARS,
19 FOUR YEARS, I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOW MY CHILD WAS TAKEN.
20 I'M NOT A WITCH, I'M NOT A TERRORIST, I'M A VEGETARIAN. I AM
21 NOT A CRACK HEAD, I'M NOT A PROSTITUTE AND I'VE BEEN
22 MISLABELED THAT AND ABOUT A MILLION OTHER CRIMINAL, YOU KNOW,
23 LABELS JUST TO JUSTIFY WHAT'S HAPPENING TO COVER UP WHAT
24 SYLVIA SPOKE ABOUT, TO COVER UP WHAT ROBERT EXPERIENCES EVERY
25 DAY. NOW PEOPLE COME INTO OUR ROOMS, THEY VIOLATE OUR PERSONAL



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1 PROPERTY BECAUSE OF THE ILLEGAL SEARCH AND SEIZURES JUSTIFIED
2 UNDER THIS HOMELAND SECURITY, ILLEGAL SEARCHES AND, AGAIN,
3 WHEN WE EXERCISE THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, WE'RE LABELED.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MISS AUTRY.

6

7 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THIS MUST STOP.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TIME'S UP.

10

11 **ROBERT CARBAJAL:** I'D LIKE TO REITERATE I THINK THE WORD IS,
12 FOR MICHELLE, EVERYTHING THAT SHE SAID THAT I COULDN'T
13 POSSIBLY SAY THAT ELOQUENTLY. THERE'S A WEBSITE CALLED
14 CONTROLLEDAMERICA.ITGO.COM, CONTROLLEDAMERICA.ITGO.COM WHERE
15 THERE'S A BILL THAT WAS AN H.R., I DON'T HAVE THE BILL NUMBER,
16 BY COCHINX, THE MAN THAT RAN FOR PRESIDENT-- FOR PRESIDENT
17 AGAINST THESE-- WHAT SHE WAS DESCRIBE PSYCHOTRONIC[SIC]
18 GENERATORS BEING PUT OUT IN OUTER SPACE. THEY ARE ON EARTH. WE
19 ARE INFLUENCED BY THEM. THEY SHOOT ELECTRONS AT THEIR MIND, IT
20 CAUSES PEOPLE TO COMMIT CRIMES OR OTHER THINGS THAT THEY CAN
21 BE EITHER LOCKED UP OR HOSPITALIZED FOR BASICALLY JUST TO
22 NEUTRALIZE THE INDIVIDUAL, MAKE THEM INEFFECTIVE AS FAR AS
23 POLITICS OR WHATEVER IT IS. THERE'S LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE
24 THAT DO THIS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THERE'S NOT A SINGLE PERSON
25 DOWN THERE THAT DOESN'T TALK ABOUT IT. I'M ALSO, I KNOW THIS



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1 IS ON THE MENTAL HEALTH THING AND WHAT I'M ADDRESSING TODAY IS
2 MY SITUATION. I'M SUPPOSED TO BE TREATED BY A CASE WORKER,
3 YVETTE NELSON. WHEN I SPOKE TO THE D.P.S. PERSON RIGHT NOW AND
4 GAVE HIM SOME INFORMATION BUT I'M HOPING YOU COULD HAVE MENTAL
5 HEALTH ADDRESS IT, THE GENTLEMAN HERE, TO ADDRESS THE
6 SITUATION ALSO GOING ON WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC
7 DOWNTOWN, DOWNTOWN MENTAL HEALTH, WHO BASICALLY IS A
8 FACILITATOR OF MALINGERERS AND ANYONE THAT GOES THERE WILL GET
9 TREATED EVEN THOUGH THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WRONG WITH
10 THEM. THEY'RE MISDIAGNOSED AND THEY DON'T GIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY,
11 THEY GIVE PHARMACOLOGY. THEY'RE DRUG DEALERS. THEY ADVERTISE
12 FOR DRUGS ALL OVER THE WALLS AND THEIR PAMPHLETS AND BASICALLY
13 THIS IS A PLACE WHERE YOU GO IF YOU WANT TO GET YOUR SOCIAL
14 SECURITY OR SOMETHING AND ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY GOES THERE AND
15 NOBODY IS EVERY TURNED AWAY. I'VE COMPLAINED ABOUT IT, I'VE
16 COMPLAINED TO D.P.S., I'M TRYING TO FILE WITH THEM WITH
17 C.C.H.R. THERE'S A WEBSITE, CCHR.ORG, THAT ADDRESSES THIS TYPE
18 OF THING WITH THESE PEOPLE AND I WAS HOPING THAT YOU COULD,
19 MR. ANTONOVICH, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I HAVE ANY
20 CONFIDENCE IN, IF YOU COULD PERSONALLY LOOK INTO IT AND HELP
21 ME WITH MY SITUATION. I DON'T WANT TO BE HOMELESS AND I'M,
22 LIKE, REALLY SURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE THERE WHERE I HAD A
23 PERSON THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO LOOK OUT THAT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SOMEBODY FROM D.P.S.S. TALKING TO YOU
2 RIGHT NOW?

3

4 **ROBERT CARBAJAL:** YES, SIR.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. GOOD. THANK YOU. MOTION ON 24 BY
7 BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR
8 BURKE WOULD CALL UP 28.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** 20.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OR, EXCUSE ME, I DON'T MEAN 28. I MEAN
13 ITEM 20.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS THE ONE WHO
16 WAS UP. I JUST TOOK HER PLACE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
21 MEMORY OF ROBERT WHITEHEAD. HE IS A RESIDENT OF THE VALINDA
22 AREA. I DON'T KNOW IF MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD OR NOT, HE WAS A
23 VICTIM OF A VERY TRAGIC GANG-RELATED SHOOTING. HE WALKED OUT
24 OF HIS HOUSE AND HE SAW SOME KIDS GRAFFITIING HIS NEIGHBOR'S
25 HOUSE. HE TRIED TO STOP THEM BUT ONE OF THEM PULLED OUT A GUN



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1 AND SHOT HIM AND HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE HOSPITAL. WE
2 ARE HOPING THAT THESE PERPETRATORS WILL BE CAUGHT SOON. WE
3 WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ROBERT'S PARENTS AS
4 WELL AS HIS SIBLINGS AND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIM
5 AT THIS TIME.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
8 ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANY ITEMS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL CALL UP 20.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NUMBER 20. CAN WE HAVE THE
15 DEPARTMENT MAKE THEIR REPORT? DR. CHERNOF, PERHAPS, AND MS.
16 MEYER, IF YOU'D JUST GIVE AN OVERVIEW HOW YOU PROCEEDED AND
17 YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BASED UPON.

18

19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THANK YOU, MAYOR, SUPERVISORS. LET ME MAKE
20 A COUPLE OF OPENING COMMENTS AND THEN I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
21 CAROL MEYER TO PROVIDE A BIT MORE DETAIL IN THE OVERVIEW.
22 BEFORE YOU TODAY YOU FIND MY FINAL D.H.S. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
23 THE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACTS OF
24 SEVEN PREDEFINED AMBULANCE AREAS COVERING 62 CONTRACT CITIES
25 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THE E.M.S. AGENCY,



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1 AS A DIVISION OF D.H.S., DILIGENTLY FOLLOWED THE COUNTY R.F.P.
2 PROCESS WITH CONTINUAL OVERSIGHT BY OUR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
3 DIVISION, AS WELL AS THE THOROUGH REVIEW AND ADVICE OF COUNTY
4 COUNSEL. OUR OBJECTIVE WAS TO DETERMINE THE BEST PROPOSER FOR
5 EACH AMBULANCE AREA BASED ON THE APPLICATIONS BEFORE US AND
6 USING MEASURABLE OBJECTIVE CRITERIA. THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO
7 PROVIDE THE BEST AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF AND
8 VISITORS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE
9 PROPOSED CONTRACTS WILL GIVE US THE BEST COVERAGE AND PROMPT
10 RESPONSE TIME WE EXPECT FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF THIS
11 COUNTY. MY PREDECESSOR, DR. GARTHWAITE, WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF
12 THE R.F.P. PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND, WHEN
13 I TOOK OVER IN JANUARY, I WAS FULLY BRIEFED AND THEREFORE
14 THESE ARE MY RECOMMENDATIONS AS THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF YOUR
15 DEPARTMENT. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO HAVE CAROL PROVIDE A BIT
16 MORE DETAIL TO HELP YOU IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS. CAROL?

17
18 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK IT'S GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THESE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BASED ON AN EXHAUSTIVE R.F.P. PROCESS
20 WHICH WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE TIMELINE ATTACHED TO YOUR BOARD
21 LETTER. IN FACT, THE PROCESS BEGAN WELL BEFORE THE R.F.P. WAS
22 DEVELOPED AND DISCLOSED IN MAY OF 2004. THE PROCESS OF THIS
23 DEVELOPMENT ALLOWED FOR INPUT FROM ALL OF THE AMBULANCE
24 COMMUNITY. I CAN TELL YOU THAT THIS WAS A PROFESSIONALLY
25 CONDUCTED R.F.P. PROCESS THAT FAIRLY AND UNIFORMLY EVALUATED



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1 ALL BIDDERS THAT APPLIED, USING AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE THAT
2 COMPRISED OVER 125 YEARS OF E.M.S. AND AMBULANCE-RELATED
3 EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE AND INCLUDED EXTERNAL CONSTITUENTS.
4 THE E.M.S. AGENCY DID NOT GO INTO THE PROCESS WITH ANY
5 PRECONCEIVED IDEAS OR AGENDA. WE KNOW THERE IS A GREAT DEAL AT
6 STAKE FOR ALL OF THE APPLICANTS AND I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO
7 SAY THAT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE RECOMMENDED
8 COMPANIES ARE GOOD, SOLID AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND WE HAVE
9 GREAT RESPECT FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE. I HAVE SPOKEN DIRECTLY
10 TO THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE CHIEF AND PERSONALLY MET WITH HIS
11 STAFF LAST WEEK AND I HAVE COMMITTED TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE
12 FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS R.F.P. TO ENSURE
13 THAT A SEAMLESS TRANSITION OCCURS WHERE CHANGES IN COMPANIES
14 ARE RECOMMENDED. I WILL ENSURE THAT ALL OPERATIONAL ISSUES,
15 INCLUDING RESPONSE TO MAJOR EMERGENCIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
16 A MUTUAL AID PLAN ARE ADDRESSED IN THE 60-DAY TRANSITION
17 PERIOD AND THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT. FURTHERMORE,
18 I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE CONTRACTS WILL PROVIDE ADDED BENEFIT
19 AND I PERSONALLY COMMIT TO YOU THAT MY AGENCY WILL THOROUGHLY
20 MONITOR THESE CONTRACTS, I WILL ENSURE THAT THE RECOMMENDED
21 COMPANIES MEET OR EXCEED ALL COMMITMENTS MADE IN THE PROPOSED
22 APPLICATIONS; AFTER ALL, THESE WERE THE VERY COMMITMENTS THAT
23 RESULTED IN THEIR SELECTION.
24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS. THE
2 PROPOSAL EVALUATION STATED TWO REFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO
3 RESPONSE TIME PERFORMANCES. THESE REFERENCES DID NOT MENTION
4 CONTRACT EXEMPTIONS AND ANY REQUIREMENT TO CONSIDER THEM IN
5 CALCULATING RESPONSE TIME PERFORMANCE. SO COULD YOU ELABORATE
6 ON WHY CONTRACT EXEMPTIONS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE EVALUATION
7 PROCESS?

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. SUPERVISOR, CONTRACT EXEMPTIONS ARE ALLOWED
10 IN MANY CONTRACTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES ACROSS THE STATE.
11 HOWEVER, THE CONTRACT EXEMPTIONS DIFFER FROM COUNTY TO COUNTY
12 AND, IN FACT, FOR EXAMPLE, IN KERN COUNTY, THEY HAVE AN
13 EXEMPTION THAT'S RELATED TO MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN THAT WE DO
14 NOT HAVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO THE ONLY WAY TO
15 CONSISTENTLY MEASURE THE RESPONSE TIME OF EACH AMBULANCE
16 COMPANY WAS TO ELIMINATE THE EXEMPTIONS. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY
17 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD TRULY COMPARE THE COMPANIES. ALL OF
18 THE COMPANIES WORKED IN AREAS THAT HAD EXEMPTIONS. WE LOOKED
19 AT AN 8-MINUTE RESPONSE TIME AREA FOR ALL OF THE COMPANIES AND
20 THE ONLY WAY, AGAIN, TO LOOK AT THOSE RESPONSE TIMES WAS TO
21 ELIMINATE EXEMPTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MONTH OF JANUARY WAS SELECTED AS
24 THE EVALUATION PERIOD, JANUARY 2004, IN THE PROCESS. WHAT WAS



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1 THE REASONING IN SELECTING THIS MONTH AS THE MONTH OF
2 ASSESSMENT?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, EVERY JANUARY IS SEASONALLY FLU SEASON AND
5 WE KNOW, BY VIRTUE OF OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DIVISION, BY
6 VIRTUE OF OUR VOLUME OF PATIENTS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS
7 AND THE VOLUME OF E.M.S. RESPONSES, THAT THAT IS A HIGH MONTH
8 AND WE WANTED TO USE A SNAPSHOT SO THAT WE COULD HAVE A GOOD
9 PICTURE OF EVERY AMBULANCE COMPANY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE R.F.P. FOR EMERGENCY
12 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF MAY 2004 STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT
13 OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS THE OPTION TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
14 INFORMATION, EVEN AFTER THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN
15 SUBMITTED. COULD YOU ELABORATE ON WHY THESE REQUESTS FOR
16 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND HOW WAS THIS SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGING
17 THE SCORING PROCESS.

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** WE DID ASK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO
20 THE RESPONSE TIMES. THE COMPANIES WERE REQUESTED, IN THE
21 R.F.P., TO DESCRIBE BRIEFLY THE AREA THAT THEY WERE PRESENTING
22 TO LOOK-- FOR US TO LOOK AT RESPONSE TIMES AND ALSO TO
23 DESCRIBE THEIR RESPONSE TIMES. THE DESCRIPTIONS WERE VERY
24 UNCLEAR. THE METHODOLOGY IN WHICH THEY OBTAINED THEIR RESPONSE
25 TIMES WAS UNCLEAR. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE COMPANY INDICATED THAT



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1 THEY RESPONDED WITHIN TWO MINUTES 93% OF THE TIME AND IT WAS
2 VERY UNCLEAR TO US HOW A COMPANY COULD RESPOND IN TWO MINUTES.
3 COME TO FIND OUT THAT COMPANY IS PREDISPATCHED, SITS AROUND
4 THE CORNER OF A CALLING-- OF THE CALL AND THEN GETS CALLED IN
5 BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE LAST MINUTE. SO THAT WAS THE
6 TYPE OF AREA WE ASKED FOR RAW DATA FROM EVERY AMBULANCE
7 COMPANY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY ON RESPONSE TIMES, SO THIS
8 CAME RIGHT OUT OF THEIR COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH LOGS AND
9 THEREFORE IT WAS VERY CLEAN AND WE WERE ALLOWED, BY THE
10 R.F.P., TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO A PERSON OR ENTITY MAY SEEK A
13 SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN
14 REQUEST FOR A REVIEW TO THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTING THE
15 SOLICITATION. SO WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A SOLICITATION
16 REQUIREMENTS REVIEW BE GRANTED? AND HOW DID THE APPEALS
17 PROCESS CHANGE THE SCORING OF THE AMBULATORY REQUEST FOR
18 PROPOSAL?

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** THE COUNTYWIDE SOLICITATION REVIEW PROCESS
21 CONSISTS OF TWO STAGES FOLLOWING THE INITIAL EVALUATION
22 COMMITTEE. THE FIRST STAGE IS THE DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL AND ALL
23 COMPANIES WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST OR TO SUBMIT
24 THEIR ASSERTIONS TO THE FINDINGS OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.
25 FOLLOWING THAT, THE DEPARTMENT REVIEWS THOSE, DETERMINES HOW



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1 THOSE FIT INTO THE R.F.P. PROCESS AND THEN WE COME OUT WITH A
2 SECOND RECOMMENDATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, EVERY ONE OF THE
3 COMPANIES IS ALLOWED TO GO TO THE COUNTYWIDE SOLICITATION
4 PROCESS LEVEL AND, AT THIS LEVEL, REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER
5 DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY REVIEW, IN A INFORMAL HEARING,
6 ANY CONCERNS OR REQUESTS THAT ARE LAID OUT BY THE AMBULANCE
7 COMPANIES AND ALSO HEAR THE DEPARTMENT'S SIDE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE HAVE BEEN CRITICISM MADE THAT
10 THE DEPARTMENT MADE MATHEMATICAL ERRORS, WERE MATHEMATICAL
11 ERRORS DONE? AND, IF THEY WERE, HOW DID THAT IMPACT THE SCORE?
12 AND, IF THEY WEREN'T, THEN HOW WERE THOSE-- WHAT'S THE BASIS
13 FOR THOSE ALLEGATIONS?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, A GOOD EXAMPLE OF MATHEMATICAL ERRORS WOULD
16 BE IN THE FINANCIAL SECTION WHERE WE WERE REQUIRED TO EVALUATE
17 THE ABILITY OF AMBULANCE COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN 180 DAYS, AND
18 SOME OF THE COMPANIES ASSERTED THAT, IF THEY WERE CURRENT
19 VENDORS, AMBULANCE COMPANIES, IN THE COUNTY, THAT THEY WERE
20 DISADVANTAGED AND THEREFORE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE BY THE
21 LEVELS OF THE PROTEST GROUPS AND WE TOOK THOSE INTO ACCOUNT
22 AND RESCORED.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE CRITICISM ABOUT UTILIZATION OF
2 THE FINANCIAL SCORING METHODOLOGY BEING INCORPORATED IN THE
3 R.F.P.? HAVE YOU HEARD OF THAT?

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** I'M NOT REAL CLEAR ON WHAT THE QUESTION IS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW ABOUT DID THE COMMITTEE UTILIZE
8 IMPROPER METHODOLOGY IN RESPONSE TO TIME SCORING?

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** TO TIME SCORING?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. FOR RESPONSE TIME.

13

14 **CAROL MEYER:** THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK OF IS THE RESPONSE
15 TIMES AND, AT THE SECOND LEVEL PROTEST, THE COMMITTEE DID, IN
16 FACT, RECOMMEND THAT WE INCLUDE EXEMPTIONS IN THE TIME SCORING
17 BUT, AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED, WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT
18 EXEMPTIONS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED BECAUSE THERE WAS NO WAY TO
19 TRULY EVALUATE THE COMPANIES AND COMPARE THEM IN AN EQUAL WAY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THEN SUPERVISOR
22 KNABE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANT TO GET TOTALLY CLEAR ON THE
25 PROCESS. THE R.F.P. WENT OUT ON MAY 6, 2004, IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IT WAS TO BE RETURNED JULY 1ST, 2004?

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6 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** AT THE TIME THE R.F.P. WENT OUT, DID YOU INDICATE,
9 IN THE R.F.P., HOW EACH ITEM WOULD BE WEIGHTED IN THE R.F.P.?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** NO, SUPERVISOR. WE INDICATED, IN THE 16 MAJOR
12 CATEGORIES, HOW MUCH-- WHAT PERCENTAGE OF WEIGHT WOULD BE
13 APPLIED TO EACH MAJOR CATEGORY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT WAS IN THE R.F.P.?

16

17 **CAROL MEYER:** AND THAT WAS IN THE R.F.P. AND THAT WAS FOLLOWED.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THEN WHEN THE-- AFTER THE R.F.P. WAS RETURNED, YOU
20 MADE A RECOMMENDATION, IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE
23 EVALUATION, THE COMMITTEE, THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE, WITH A
24 GREAT DEAL OF EXPERTISE, LOOKED AT THE EVALUATION TOOL AND
25 THEY DETERMINED THAT THERE NEEDED TO BE-- OR THEY RECOMMENDED



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1 A CHANGE IN THE WEIGHTING BECAUSE THEY FELT VERY STRONGLY THE
2 TOOL THAT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED BY CONTRACTS AND GRANTS DID NOT
3 GIVE A PROPER WEIGHTING TO THOSE ISSUES THAT ARE MOST
4 IMPORTANT TO THE DELIVERY OF AMBULANCE SERVICES.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, THESE EXPERTS CAME IN AFTER THE R.F.P. WAS
7 RETURNED AND CHANGED THE WEIGHTING?

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, YES, YES, BUT THEY DID NOT CHANGE ANYTHING
10 IN THE SUBMITTED R.F.P.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY JUST SIMPLY CHANGED THE WAY YOU WOULD
13 CONSIDER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE R.F.P.?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** UNDER THIS-- UNDER THE MAJOR CATEGORIES IN THE
16 SUBCATEGORIES.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** COULD YOU GIVE ME AN IDEA OF WHICH AREAS THEY
19 CHANGED?

20

21 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. FOR EXAMPLE, MORE WEIGHT WAS GIVEN TO
22 RESPONSE TIMES BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE IS RESPONSE TIME HAS TO
23 DO WITH HOW FAST YOU GET TO THE PATIENT AND, ULTIMATELY,
24 GETTING TO THE PATIENT SAVES LIVES. ANOTHER THING IS NUMBER OF
25 AMBULANCES. THE MORE AMBULANCES THAT YOU HAVE OR YOU'RE



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1 WILLING TO COMMIT TO AN AREA, POTENTIALLY THE FASTER YOU'RE
2 GOING TO GET TO INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS. PERSONNEL IS ANOTHER
3 EXAMPLE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THEY CHANGED THESE ISSUES AND HOW THE R.F.P.
6 WOULD BE GRADED OR WEIGHTED DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THE ORIGINAL
7 R.F.P. HAD INDICATED?

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** NO. THE R.F.P. ORIGINALLY HAD NO CHANGES. WE
10 STUCK WITH THE PERCENTAGES THAT WERE APPLIED TO EACH MAJOR
11 CATEGORY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THEN, WHAT DID THEY DO?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, THERE WERE SUBCATEGORIES WITHIN THE R.F.P.,
16 WITHIN THE MAJOR CATEGORIES...

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** UNDER THE 16%, THERE WERE SUBCATEGORIES?

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, THERE WERE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** AND TELL ME-- SEE, WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT,
23 IF THEY DIDN'T CHANGE THE WEIGHTING BUT YOU SAY THEY GAVE MORE
24 CONSIDERATION TO THREE ASPECTS, WHAT DID THEY DO?

25



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** SUPERVISOR, THEY CHANGED THE WEIGHTING BASED ON
2 WHAT CONTRACTS AND GRANTS HAD GIVEN THEM AS A TOOL, BUT IT WAS
3 ONLY IN THE SUBCATEGORIES AND DID NOT DEVIATE FROM THE R.F.P.
4 AND, IN FACT, ONCE THEY MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION, IT WAS
5 BROUGHT TO E.M.S. MANAGEMENT AND IT WAS REVIEWED BY COUNTY
6 COUNSEL AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT, BASED ON THE I.S.D.
7 MANUAL, WHICH SAYS THAT YOU SHOULD GIVE A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF
8 POINTS TO THOSE AREAS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE DELIVERY OF
9 EMERGENCY SERVICES, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IT WAS AN
10 APPROPRIATE WEIGHT CHANGE. KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS WAS AN
11 AUTHORIZED POLICY CHANGE AND WAS DETERMINED BY COUNTY COUNSEL
12 NOT TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE R.F.P.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. COUNTY COUNSEL DETERMINED IT WAS NOT
15 OUTSIDE OF THE R.F.P. BUT IT DID BRING IN ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO
16 INTERPRET THE R.F.P., WAS THAT IT? THESE EXPERTS, THEY
17 INTERPRETED THE R.F.P.?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** NO, THEY DIDN'T INTERPRET IT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY DID SUBSECTIONS UNDER THE WEIGHT.

22

23 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND GAVE GREATER CONSIDERATION TO CERTAIN
2 SUBSECTIONS.

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** BASED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE SECTIONS TO THE
5 DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. NOW, WHEN DID YOU MAKE THE FIRST
8 RECOMMENDATIONS?

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** UMM, I'D HAVE TO LOOK AT THE DATES. THE FIRST
11 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE IN MARCH OF 2000-- NO, NO. I'M
12 SORRY. YES, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2004.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ARE THOSE THE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS YOU HAVE
15 TODAY?

16

17 **CAROL MEYER:** NO. THERE WAS ONE CHANGE BASED ON THE
18 RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW PANEL.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WERE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS RELEASED TO
21 THE PUBLIC OR AT ALL?

22

23 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, THEY WERE. YES, THEY WERE.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND NOW, THEN, YOU RECONSIDERED THE-- AFTER THEY
2 WERE RELEASED, YOU THEN RECONSIDERED THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS ON
3 WHAT BASIS?

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** ON THE BASIS OF THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT
6 SOLICITATION PROTEST POLICY, WHICH, AT THE FIRST LEVEL,
7 REQUIRES A REVIEW BY A NEW EVALUATION COMMITTEE THAT CONSISTS
8 OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT WAS BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE WHO HAD FILED
11 PROPOSALS PROTESTED, IS THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, SOME ATTESTED TO THE FACT THAT THEY FELT
14 THERE WAS INACCURACIES.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN WHAT WAS THE NEXT PROCESS?

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** THE NEXT PROCESS THEN WAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO
19 TAKE THOSE AND RESCORE ALL ASPECTS THAT WE FELT WERE
20 APPROPRIATE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THEN WE RELEASED THAT
21 IN MARCH OF 2005. AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS A CHANGE IN ONE
22 AREA.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT'S AREA 7?

25



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, I'LL TELL YOU FRANKLY, THE ISSUE THAT HAS
4 CAUSED ME CONSIDERABLE QUESTION IS NOT A BASIS OF WHAT'S GOOD
5 OR WHAT'S BAD OR WHAT'S NICE AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS AND WHAT
6 MIGHT BE DESIRABLE BUT JUST STRICTLY FROM THE PROCEDURES
7 FOLLOWED IN ANY R.F.P. AND WHAT I HAVE SAID TO THE COUNTY
8 COUNSEL IS THAT, ORDINARILY, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS IN
9 AN R.F.P. AND YOU SAY, FOR INSTANCE, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
10 EVALUATE A COMPANY ON CERTAIN ISSUES, THAT YOU RELY ON THOSE
11 REPRESENTATIONS IN THAT R.F.P. AND THE THING THAT CONCERNED ME
12 WAS WHEN I WAS ADVISED LATER THAT THE CHANGE IN 7 WAS BECAUSE
13 OF EQUIPMENT.

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH, AMBULANCES, SPECIFICALLY, WHICH IS WHAT
16 THEY USE TO DRIVE TO...

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AMBULANCES. SO I HAD TO ASK, WELL, AT THE TIME
19 THAT YOU DID YOUR FIRST EVALUATION, IF I LOOK AT THE R.F.P.,
20 IT SAYS, "PLEASE LIST YOUR CURRENT AMBULANCES AND THOSE
21 AMBULANCES MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION. WE MAY NOT
22 INSPECT BUT THEY MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION." SO IT
23 RAISED A REAL QUESTION IN MY MIND, HOW YOU COULD HAVE THAT
24 WORDING IN AN R.F.P. BUT THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO LATER,
25 AFTER THE DATE OF FILING A RESPONSE, TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL



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1 EQUIPMENT AND THAT EQUIPMENT BE EVALUATED, SINCE YOU HAD
2 TALKED ABOUT INSPECTING, BASED UPON CURRENT EQUIPMENT. NOW, I
3 ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL. NOW, THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS SAID TO
4 ME THAT HE'S GOING TO PRESENT A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT IT WAS
5 APPROPRIATE AND WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE METHOD OF EVALUATING AN
6 R.F.P. TO LOOK AT AFTER-ACQUIRED EQUIPMENT THAT WAS NOT LISTED
7 IN THE RESPONSE AND THAT IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION,
8 AS OTHER EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE. NOW, I'D LIKE TO ASK
9 THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO RESPOND.

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FIRST,
12 IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEW EQUIPMENT, WHAT YOU'VE
13 TERMED "AFTER-ACQUIRED EQUIPMENT," WAS NOT ACQUIRED AFTER THE
14 PROPOSALS WERE IN. IT WAS EQUIPMENT THAT THE AMBULANCES THAT
15 WERE NOT OWNED BY, AND I THINK THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE BIDDERS
16 WHO DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF OWNED AMBULANCES
17 CURRENTLY IN THEIR FLEET, TO BID ON SOME OF THE ZONES AND, IN
18 THAT CASE, THEY WOULD SUPPLY, WITH THEIR PROPOSALS, A PURCHASE
19 ORDER OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION THAT THEY HAD NEW VEHICLES TO
20 ACQUIRE. THIS CAME WITH THE PROPOSALS, NOT AFTER THE FACT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THOSE-- ALL OF THOSE AMBULANCES WERE DESCRIBED
23 IN THE PROPOSAL?

24

25 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT. IN THE INCLUDED DOCUMENTATION, NOT ONLY A
3 PURCHASE ORDER BUT ALSO EVEN A LETTER FROM THE ACTUAL VENDOR
4 WHO WAS BUILDING THE AMBULANCES, BECAUSE IT TAKES A LONG TIME
5 TO BUILD AN AMBULANCE, SO IT INDICATED IN THERE THAT THE
6 COMPANY THAT WAS ACTUALLY BUILDING THE AMBULANCES WERE DOING
7 SO.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** LET ME JUST TELL YOU WHAT I THINK. I THINK THAT
10 THIS WAS A VERY SLOPPY R.F.P. PROCESS AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL
11 IS WILLING TO PUT HIS NAME ON THE LINE ON THIS BUT, IN THE
12 FUTURE, I WOULD SUGGEST IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE NOT HAVE
13 INSPECTIONS BUT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY THAT YOU CAN SAY WHAT
14 YOU'RE GOING TO ACQUIRE AND WHAT-- AND SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING
15 TO BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTIONS BUT OTHERS ARE ONLY GOING TO
16 PROVIDE INDICATIONS THAT THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING,
17 THAT IT REALLY RAISES A NUMBER OF INCONSISTENCIES. AND, YOU
18 KNOW, I'M RELYING TOTALLY ON THE COUNTY COUNSEL SAYING THAT
19 THIS WAS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE I'M VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH IT. I
20 HAVE NO OTHER QUESTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT CAME OUT WAS THE
25 FACT THAT, AT THE HEALTH DEPUTY MEETING I THINK ON MARCH 8TH,



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1 THE DEPARTMENT ADMITTED THAT THEY OPENED THE PROPOSALS BEFORE
2 THE WEIGHTS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE
3 R.F.P. AND FOR THOSE OF US THAT REMEMBER 10 YEARS AGO, ALL THE
4 WEIGHTS WERE ASSIGNED WHEN IT WENT OUT TO BID, PRIOR TO THE
5 RELEASE OF THE R.F.P. SO I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, WHY DID YOU
6 DEVIATE FROM THE PREVIOUS METHOD WHERE, YOU KNOW, THERE WAS NO
7 ABILITY TO, YOU KNOW, AWARD FOR THIS OR THAT? I KNOW, WITHIN
8 THAT 16 CATEGORIES, YOU ASSIGNED A SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE BUT,
9 OBVIOUSLY, INSIDE THAT, AS AN EXAMPLE, THE ONE I THINK I
10 TALKED TO YOU ABOUT, I MEAN, THERE WERE, LIKE, NINE OR 10
11 CATEGORIES, SO THERE'S A LOT OF WIGGLE ROOM INSIDE THAT FOR
12 THE 23%, AS AN EXAMPLE. WHAT WAS THE RATIONALE TO DEVIATE
13 ABOUT ASSIGNED WEIGHTS SO THAT YOU WOULD HAVE AN APPLES TO
14 APPLES COMPARISON?

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, WE WEREN'T REQUIRED, THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT
17 REQUIRED TO ASSIGN WEIGHTS IN THE SUBCATEGORIES...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I KNOW YOU WEREN'T REQUIRED AND YOU WEREN'T
20 REQUIRED 10 YEARS AGO BUT YOU DID 10 YEARS AGO.

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** SOME OF IT WAS BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF 10
23 YEARS AGO KNOWING THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, 10 YEARS AGO, WE ONLY HAD
24 2,300 POINTS FOR THE WHOLE R.F.P. THE CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
25 DIVISION FELT STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD HAVE MORE POINTS SO THAT



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1 ALL BIDDERS WOULD HOPEFULLY QUALIFY FOR THE R.F.P. PROCESS
2 BECAUSE, IN THE PAST, MANY BIDDERS WERE NOT, BECAUSE OF THE
3 LOW NUMBER OF TOTAL SCORES, MANY BIDDERS DIDN'T EVEN QUALIFY.
4 SO IT WAS ALSO PART OF THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE
5 PERCENTAGES AND WE REVIEWED THAT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THEY
6 INDICATED THAT WE DID NOT HAVE TO APPLY THE INDIVIDUAL AMOUNTS
7 AMONGST THOSE AREAS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WAS THAT BECAUSE, I MEAN, FOR THE LACK OF
10 QUALIFICATION, WAS THAT BECAUSE OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL,
11 PRIMARILY?

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, THERE WAS EQUIPMENT, THERE WAS PERSONNEL,
14 THERE WAS RESPONSE TIMES, THERE WERE SEVERAL CATEGORIES.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** AS WAS MENTIONED, EXTRA POINTS WERE GIVEN TO
17 PROPOSERS STATING THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE NEW AMBULANCES OR
18 MORE AMBULANCES IN A PARTICULAR AREA. ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT
19 I EXPRESSED TO YOU IS ABOUT OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING OF THAT
20 PARTICULAR SITUATION IF THEY TRIED TO EITHER CHANGE OUT OLDER
21 VEHICLES OR IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THEY
22 SAID. I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS FROM YVONNE
23 BUT I WOULD FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A PROPOSER WOULD GO
24 OUT AND BUY EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT. THAT
25 JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY ECONOMIC SENSE. I MEAN, WE ALL DEAL WITH



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1 THAT IN TRASH CONTRACTS. I MEAN, SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO
2 MONITOR THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT, BASED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION,
3 BASED ON THIS POINT SCALE, THAT THE PROVIDERS ARE PROVIDING
4 THE EQUIPMENT THAT THEY SAID THEY WOULD?

5

6 **CAROL MEYER:** WE ACTUALLY LICENSE THESE COMPANIES AS WELL AND
7 SO THEY HAVE TO SEEK A LICENSE FOR EVERY SINGLE AMBULANCE. SO,
8 THROUGH THAT LICENSING PROCESS, EVERY TIME A LICENSE IS GIVEN
9 OUT, THEY ACTUALLY HAVE AN INSPECTION AND SO WE WILL BE
10 INSPECTING THEM BUT WE WILL ALSO BE INSPECTING THEM
11 SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE OF THIS CONTRACT, SO IT'S TWO-FOLD, TO
12 ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE THESE AMBULANCES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I ALSO SUGGESTED WAS THE
15 POSSIBILITY OF AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF WHERE NOT ONLY THE
16 DEPARTMENT BUT, YOU KNOW, EITHER A CITY MANAGER OR THE
17 EMERGENCY DIRECTOR FROM EACH OF THE AREAS, YOU KNOW, PICK ONE,
18 THROUGH CONTRACT CITIES OR INDEPENDENT CITIES OR WHATEVER.
19 THAT'S A POSSIBILITY. ALSO, WHAT CRITERIA WAS USED TO
20 DETERMINE WHICH INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS THE
21 DEPARTMENT WOULD USE OR THE DEPARTMENT WOULD REJECT? I MEAN,
22 WAS THERE A CRITERIA OR...?

23

24 **CAROL MEYER:** THE DETERMINATION WAS BASED ON THE MERIT OF THE
25 RECOMMENDATION. AND, SUPERVISOR, I DO AGREE WITH THE CONCEPT



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1 OF AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I THINK IT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA.
2 I'VE ALREADY CONTRACTED SAM OLIVITA FROM CONTRACT CITIES AND
3 SUGGESTED THAT TO HIM AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DIALOGUE ABOUT
4 THAT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO CHIEF FREEMAN'S NOTE TO
7 US OR MEMO TO US ABOUT THE-- THAT THE NEW PROPOSED AGREEMENTS
8 DO NOT SPECIFY CRITICAL OPERATIONAL DETAILS IN OUR MUTUAL AID
9 AND LARGE SCALE MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENTS? HOW DO WE DEAL WITH
10 THAT PRIOR TO ANY CONTRACT SIGNING?

11

12 **CAROL MEYER:** YOU KNOW, I STRONGLY AGREE WITH CHIEF FREEMAN
13 ABOUT SOME OF THOSE ISSUES AND I THINK THAT THIS HAS
14 CERTAINLY-- THIS CONTRACT HAS CERTAINLY RAISED THAT TO A LEVEL
15 PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF ALL THE VARIOUS DISASTER THINGS THAT
16 HEALTH IS DOING WITH FIRE AND LAW TODAY THAT WE DIDN'T DO
17 BEFORE. AND SO I THINK THAT WHAT IT HAS SAID TO ME IS I
18 CLEARLY NEED TO, IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, WORK VERY CLOSELY, NOT
19 ONLY WITH CHIEF FREEMAN BUT THE OTHER FOUR FIRE DEPARTMENTS
20 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS AND DEVELOP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
21 THAT WILL LAY OUT HOW THE AMBULANCE COMPANIES WILL RESPOND AND
22 WHAT WE DEVELOP TODAY MAY NOT WORK SEVEN YEARS FROM NOW, SO I--
23 - THE CONTRACT CLEARLY STATES THEY SHALL RESPOND BUT I THINK
24 THAT OUR MANUAL, IT'S THE BIBLE OF E.M.S., NEEDS TO HAVE A
25 DETAILED POLICY ON DISASTER RESPONSE.



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SUP. KNABE: WELL, I MEAN, WE SAW THE RESULTS OF A VERY
EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT IN THE COSCO INCIDENT, WITH
THE METRO LINK INCIDENT AND PEOPLE KNEW WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO
DO, HOW TO BACK UP. I MEAN, I DON'T THINK, AT LEAST FROM MY
PERSPECTIVE OF, YOU KNOW, EVEN ON A NATIONAL BASIS, AT SOME OF
THE HOMELAND SECURITY MEETINGS THAT I ATTEND, ONE OF THE
THINGS THAT STANDS OUT ABOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ITS ABILITY
AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT TO WORK WITH VARIOUS-- I THINK
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO ROOM FOR ERROR IN A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
AND I THINK THAT ANY CONTRACTUAL SIGN WITH THAT SHOULD BE DONE
PRIOR TO ANY AGREEMENT BEING SIGNED BECAUSE, I MEAN, IT'S THAT
CRITICAL. WHERE WE HAD A PLAN IN PLACE AND WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE
DOING, SOME OF THE LETTERS THAT I GET, HAVE RECEIVED FROM
PRACTICALLY ALL MY CITIES, MOSTLY IN OPPOSITION TO YOUR
RECOMMENDATION BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE ISSUE OF MUTUAL AID
AND MULTI-CASUALTY KINDS OF RESPONSES THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY
CRITICAL AND THE AMBULANCE PROVIDERS, WHOEVER THEY MAY BE, ARE
AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR RESPONSE SYSTEM AND WE NEED TO KNOW
WHERE AND WHO'S BACKING UP AND WHERE THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC
IS. THAT HAS TO BE PREDETERMINED. I DON'T THINK THAT'S
ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO POST-AGREEMENT. I THINK THAT THAT'S
PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY PREAGREEMENT.

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** I CONCUR BUT IT ALSO GOES BEYOND THIS CONTRACT,
2 SUPERVISOR. WE LICENSE 26 AMBULANCE COMPANIES IN THIS COUNTY
3 AND WE HAVE 19 ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE OVERFLOW OF OUR
4 OWN COUNTY AMBULANCES. SO THAT WHOLE THING NEEDS TO BE
5 INTEGRATED. AND, YES, IT'S BEEN GOING WELL, BUT THERE'S BEEN
6 NO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND I THINK THIS HAS CLEARLY
7 IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR THOSE WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
8 AND I CONCUR WITH THOSE AND HAVE TO DISCUSS THAT WITH CHIEF
9 FREEMAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, I THINK THE ULTIMATE FEAR HERE IS--
12 AND THE ISSUE THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH AS WE EITHER AGREE OR
13 DISAGREE OR WHATEVER WE DO WITH THIS AGREEMENT BEFORE US, AT
14 THE MOMENT-- I UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING IN 60
15 DAYS BUT, AT THE MOMENT OF TRANSITION, IF THERE IS A
16 TRANSITION, IT ABSOLUTELY HAS TO BE SEAMLESS. THE CITIES HAVE
17 NO CHOICE IN THIS DEAL. THE CITIES CAN'T SAY, "THE HECK WITH
18 YOU, COUNTY, I'M GOING TO PULL OUT." THEY HAVE TO LIVE WITH
19 OUR RECOMMENDATION, YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND THIS BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS' APPROVAL. SO IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT, AT
21 THE MOMENT OF THAT TRANSITION, THAT IT'S ABSOLUTELY SEAMLESS
22 AND THAT THESE CITIES HAVE A COMFORT LEVEL THAT THEY'RE GOING
23 TO GET THE BEST AMBULANCE PROVIDE AND SERVICE THAT, IN CASE,
24 IN THEIR COMMUNITY, THERE'S A MULTI-CASUALTY KIND OF INCIDENT,
25 THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO. THEY NEED



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1 THAT AND IT'S IMPERATIVE SOMEHOW THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ASSURE
2 THEM IN THIS PROCESS THAT WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
3 MAKE THIS TRANSITION SEAMLESS.

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** I CONCUR WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND, AT THE
6 BEGINNING OF THE R.F.P., A LOT OF WORK WAS DONE TO WORK WITH
7 THE CITIES TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS OF THE R.F.P., HOW THIS WAS
8 GOING TO WORK. AND WE RECENTLY MET WITH THE CONTRACT CITIES
9 AND I HAVE MADE EVERY COMMITMENT TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY
10 TO ENSURE THAT TRANSITION. KEEP IN MIND, WE HAVE ALREADY
11 TRANSITIONED SEVERAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY OVER THE PAST SEVEN
12 YEARS. INGLEWOOD, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS TRANSITIONED IN NOVEMBER
13 FROM ONE AMBULANCE COMPANY TO ANOTHER AND IT WAS SEAMLESS. IT
14 ALL GOES DOWN TO THE PLANNING ASPECTS. AND, WHEN I MET WITH
15 CHIEF FREEMAN AND I MET WITH HIS STAFF LAST WEEK, WE HAVE
16 AGREED TO DEVELOP A CLEARLY DEFINED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND
17 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DID WHEN WE DID THE INGLEWOOD
18 TRANSITION IN NOVEMBER. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT-- I MEAN, THAT'S A ONE-UNIT TRANSITION AND
21 THAT'S IMPORTANT BUT, I MEAN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT-- I MEAN,
22 AND WE ALL REALIZE, TOO, THAT, WHEN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT WENT
23 OUT, THERE WERE A MULTI-RECOMMENDATION AND NOW IT'S IN THE
24 HANDS OF ONE OTHER PROVIDER BECAUSE THEY PURCHASED THE OTHER
25 COMPANIES, AS WELL, TOO, SO THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT. BUT,



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1 ON THE OTHER HAND, I KNOW THE MAJORITY OF MY CITIES ARE
2 AFFECTED AND, YOU KNOW, AND THEIR MAJOR CONCERN IS A SEAMLESS
3 TRANSITION AND HOW THAT OPERATION, THEY'RE VERY COMFORTABLE
4 WITH THEIR CURRENT PROVIDER AND, YOU KNOW, CHANGE IS-- CAUSES
5 CONCERN, PARTICULARLY, I THINK, TO QUOTE JIM LOTT FROM THE
6 HOSPITAL COUNCIL, I THINK, IN THE PAPER HE SAID, "THIS IS
7 ISN'T ABOUT WIJETTES, THIS IS LIFE AND DEATH" AND THE IT'S A
8 DECISION WE HAVE TO MAKE BUT ALSO OUR CITY IS CONCERNED ABOUT
9 BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO FLEXIBILITY. THEY CAN'T WITHDRAW FROM THE
10 SYSTEM. THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE HAND THAT WE GIVE THEM. AND
11 SO, YOU KNOW, I REALLY THINK, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, YOU
12 SHOULD HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CITIES A LOT CLOSER TO
13 UNDERSTAND THIS. YOU'VE MET WITH CONTRACT CITIES RECENTLY BUT
14 I THINK THAT'S BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, OF THE NOISE THAT'S BEEN
15 CREATED OF THEIR OPPOSITION TO YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND THEY
16 REALLY FELT LEFT OUT OF THE PROCESS. I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER
17 QUESTIONS.

18
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? OKAY. WE'LL CALL
20 UP THE SPEAKERS. JIM MCNEAL, WAYNE AVRASHOW, WILLIAM WESTON,
21 AND RICK ROESCH. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS SO KEEP YOUR
22 REMARKS TO TWO MINUTES EACH AND THE TIMER WILL LET YOU KNOW
23 WHEN YOUR TIME'S UP.



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1 **JIM MCNEAL:** GOOD MORNING-- GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MAYOR AND
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN
3 WORKING ON...

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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7 **JIM MCNEAL:** EXCUSE ME. JIM MCNEAL, SCHAFER AMBULANCE, 4627
8 BEVERLY BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES. EXCUSE ME. WE WISH TO THANK
9 YOU FOR YOUR PART IN WORKING ON THIS CONTRACT. WE ARE
10 ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE HARD WORK THE E.M.S. DEPARTMENT HAS
11 GONE THROUGH TO BRING THIS R.F.P. PROCESS TO THIS STAGE. WE
12 ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING-- SERVING THE CITIES IN ZONE
13 3. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE COUNTY PROUD OF OUR SERVICES
14 WE PROVIDE. WE HAVE FOR SO MANY YEARS. WE AT SCHAFER ARE
15 PROUD OF ALL OF OUR FINE EMPLOYEES THAT MAKE UP OUR COMPANY.
16 WE ARE STARTING OUR 74TH YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE CITIZENS-- FOR
17 THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AT THIS TIME, I WILL NOT
18 ELABORATE ON THE MANY PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH
19 THROUGH THE YEARS, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. IT HAS COME TO-- THANK
20 YOU-- MY SKIN'S GETTING THIN. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION
21 THAT FIRE CHIEF FREEMAN HAS CONCERN IN DEVELOPING A MUTUAL AID
22 PROGRAM IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. WE WISH TO SHARE THIS
23 CONCERN. WE HAVE BEEN DOING MUTUAL AID FOR THE CITIZENS FOR AS
24 LONG AS SCHAFER HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AMBULANCE SERVICE
25 BUSINESS. IN 1959, WE HAD THE SANTA FE RAILROAD DERAILMENT IN



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1 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. OUR COMPANY IS IN CONCERT WITH THE
2 OTHER AMBULANCE COMPANIES WERE INVOLVED AND TOOK GREAT CARE TO
3 GET THE FOLKS PLACED IN THE VARIOUS HOSPITALS IN THE AREA. IN
4 1963, WE HAD THE OLIVE VIEW FIRE. I WAS A DRIVER AT THAT TIME
5 AND WE HAD MUTUAL AID WITH OUR OTHER FRIENDS, DID NOT LOSE A
6 SINGLE PATIENT THAT I'M AWARE OF. IN 1968 AND 1969, THERE WERE
7 FIRES THAT REQUIRED OUR SERVICES. 1971, WE HAD THE SYLMAR
8 EARTHQUAKE. SCHAFFER AMBULANCE HAD THE ONLY COMMUNICATIONS IN
9 THE DISASTER AREA FOR THE FIRST 45 MINUTES. WE EVACUATED THE
10 OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL, VETERAN'S HOSPITAL AND THE ASSISTANCE OF
11 OUR FELLOW AMBULANCE PROVIDERS. IN 1994, WE HAD THE NORTHRIDGE
12 EARTHQUAKE. AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE NUMEROUS HOSPITALS THAT
13 WE WERE INVOLVED WITH, ALONG WITH OTHER PROVIDERS. WE ALSO
14 PROVIDED EVACUATION OF HOSPITALS...

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

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18 **JIM MCNEAL:** JUST-- I'M FINISHING UP HERE. OUR COMPANY PROVIDES
19 SERVICES IN ORANGE, SAN BERNARDINO, SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL
20 COUNTIES. IN IMPERIAL COUNTY, WE ARE THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND
21 THE DISPATCH SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY. WE PROVIDE MUTUAL AID
22 WITH THE OTHER CITIES, CALEXICO, WESTMORELAND AND SAN DUMAS
23 AGUIMAS. WE HAD EXPERIENCE AND WE ARE WILLING TO SIGN A MUTUAL
24 AID AGREEMENT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE FIRE CHIEF. WE AGAIN



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1 WISH TO THANK ALL OF THE AGENCIES IN THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU
2 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
5 RECORD FIRST.

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7 **RICHARD ROESCH:** RICHARD ROESCH, C.P.A., C.F.O. AND OWNER OF
8 WESTMED/MCCORMICK. MR. MAYOR, BOARD, HAVING BEEN BORN AND
9 RAISED IN LOS ANGELES, IT'S MY HONOR TO BE IN FRONT OF YOU
10 TODAY. IT'S A GREAT HONOR. I WANTED TO GO OVER SOME OF THE
11 BENEFITS TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BY THIS R.F.P.
12 THE FIRST THING IS THE RESPONSE TIMES. THE IMPROVEMENTS IN
13 RESPONSE TIMES FOR THE FOUR PROVIDERS WILL CHANGE THAT FROM 90
14 TO 92% COMPLIANT, WHICH IS A 20% DECREASE IN LATE CALLS AND
15 EVERY CALL THAT'S LATE IS VITAL TO THE PATIENT. WE STRIVE AT
16 PERFECTION AT WESTMED/MCCORMICK. WE TRY TO BE A HUNDRED
17 PERCENT COMPLIANT. TODAY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE BEST RESPONSE
18 TIMES IN THE COUNTY AND WE CONSISTENTLY HAVE ABOUT 98%
19 COMPLIANCE. HOW DO YOU REDUCE THE RESPONSE TIMES? YOU DO IT
20 WITH MORE UNITS. IN FACT, THIS R.F.P. SHOULD CAUSE 20% MORE
21 UNITS. THE MORE UNITS THAT YOU HAVE IN THE COUNTY, THE MORE
22 UNITS YOU HAVE FOR DISASTERS. NEW EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING EADS,
23 WHICH ARE AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATORS ON EVERY SINGLE UNIT. WE
24 DID, IN FACT, PURCHASE ALL OF OUR AMBULANCES. WE SPENT
25 APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILLION ON THIS PROJECT SO FAR. FINANCIAL



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1 STABILITY. IT'S MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO HAVE FOUR PROVIDERS IN
2 THE COUNTY THAN ONE MAIN PROVIDER. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ANY
3 ONE OF THE PROVIDERS, THE OTHER THREE CAN COME TO THE RESCUE
4 AND THE CITIZENS WILL SEE IT AS A SEAMLESS CHANGE. MUTUAL AID
5 AGREEMENTS. WE HAVE FIVE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS. WE CURRENTLY
6 RUN ABOUT 50 CALLS A MONTH FOR OTHER 9-1-1 PROVIDERS AND, AT
7 THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ZERO CALLS RUN FOR US.
8 DURING THE LAST TWO HURRICANES, RITA AND KATRINA, WE SENT SIX
9 UNITS TO EACH HURRICANE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, WE RESPONDED TO
10 THE SAME CALLS IN L.A. WITHOUT EVER REDUCING OUR RESPONSE TIME
11 FROM 98%. IN SUMMARY, THE PROCESS HAS BEEN FAIR, HAS YIELDED
12 SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FOR THE CITIZENS OF L.A. PLEASE APPROVE
13 THESE CONTRACTS TODAY SO THE CITIZENS CAN START ENJOYING THOSE
14 BENEFITS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JOE CHIDLEY, ERICK MANDLER.
17 YES, SIR.

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19 **BILL WESTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BILL WESTON AND I'M
20 THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR CARE AMBULANCE. WE VERY MUCH
21 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE COMPETED FOR YOUR EMERGENCY
22 AMBULANCE CONTRACT. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT WE SCORED THE
23 HIGHEST OF ALL 28 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THIS PROCESS. WE
24 BELIEVE WE WERE RANKED FIRST BECAUSE OF OUR HISTORY OF
25 PROVIDING QUALITY AMBULANCE SERVICES AND OUR COMMITMENT TO



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1 ENHANCE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CARE AMBULANCE SERVICE IS A FAMILY OWNED
3 LOCAL BUSINESS. IT WAS STARTED IN 1969 BY KARL RICHARDSON, WHO
4 TODAY IS 87 YEARS OLD AND STILL COMES TO WORK.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES HE DRIVE THE AMBULANCE?

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8 **RICHARD ROESCH:** HE DOESN'T DRIVE AN AMBULANCE! THANK GOODNESS!

9 [LAUGHTER]

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11 **RICHARD ROESCH:** WHAT HE DOES IS GIVE ME A CONSTANT PRODDING
12 EVERY DAY. WE'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 1969. HIS TWO SONS NOW
13 RUN THE COMPANY, BOTH OF WHICH ARE HERE TODAY. ALTHOUGH CARE
14 IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AMBULANCE COMPANIES IN THE STATE, WE
15 BELIEVE OUR FAMILY TRADITION, OUR FAMILY HERITAGE IS WHAT SETS
16 US APART FROM OTHER AMBULANCE COMPANIES. WE TRULY HAVE A
17 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE OUR
18 CUSTOMERS. BECAUSE OF OUR SIZE AND EXPERIENCE, WE HAVE THE
19 CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO MUTUAL AID AND LARGE SCALE DISASTERS
20 JUST LIKE WE DID TO THE GULF-- TO THE HURRICANE GULF COAST,
21 THE RAVAGED GULF COAST AREA. WE'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE E.M.S.
22 STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THIS PROJECT. THROUGH THE R.F.P.,
23 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE GETTING BETTER
24 AMBULANCE SERVICE AT REDUCED RATES. TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
25 OF THIS R.F.P., WE'VE BEEN READY TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR



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1 NEARLY TWO YEARS, WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR A RESOLUTION TO THE
2 EXTENSIVE APPEALS PROCESS. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE
3 TODAY AND ARE READY TO BEGIN SERVICES TO YOUR COUNTY. WE ARE
4 COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 HEALTH SERVICES AND OFFICIALS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
6 ENSURE A SEAMLESS TRANSITION. WE HAVE TRANSITIONED MANY OTHER
7 CONTRACTS BEFORE AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING A SEAMLESS
8 TRANSITION IN THIS CONTRACT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. JOE CHIDLEY, ERIK
11 MANDLER, CHARLES DOVEY. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD
12 BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

13

14 **JOE CHIDLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR. MY NAME IS JOE
15 CHIDLEY. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT AND OWNER OF WESTMED/MCCORMICK
16 AMBULANCE. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY AND THE
17 BOARD. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR ZONES 4 AND 7 AND
18 WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE COUNTY IS CONTINUING OUR 40-YEAR
19 RELATIONSHIP. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG, HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE THAT
20 HAS BEEN EVALUATED AND CONSIDERED FROM EVERY ANGLE POSSIBLE,
21 INCLUDING TWO SEPARATE REVIEW PANELS. THE REVIEWS OF EVERY
22 REVIEW HAVE CONCLUDED THE SAME CHOICE EVERY TIME. THE COUNTY
23 OFFERED THIS BID TO FIND THE BEST POSSIBLE PROVIDERS TO SERVE
24 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A SELECTION COMMITTEE,
25 COMPOSED OF INDUSTRY EXPERTS, INCLUDING A LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 FIRE CHIEF, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, AN
2 ORANGE COUNTY E.M.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND MEMBERS OF THE LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY E.M.S. AGENCY HAVE CHOSEN FOUR VERY QUALIFIED
4 PROVIDERS, THREE OF WHICH ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING EMERGENCY 9-
5 1-1 SERVICES TO THE COUNTY TODAY AS WE SPEAK. THE FOURTH IS
6 ONE OF ORANGE COUNTY'S MOST RESPECTED E.M.S. PROVIDERS. THE
7 NEW CONTRACT WILL SERVE THIS COUNTY MUCH BETTER THAN IT IS
8 CURRENTLY BEING SERVED WITH REDUCED COSTS, FASTER RESPONSE
9 TIMES, MORE ACCOUNTABILITY, THE MANDATORY NEW LIFESAVING
10 EQUIPMENT AND I BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME TO IMPLEMENT THESE
11 ENHANCEMENTS AND GIVE THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY THE
12 QUALITY AND SAFETY THEY DESERVE. ANY FURTHER DELAY OF THIS
13 IMPLEMENTATION WILL JEOPARDIZE LIVES AND DESTROY THE INTENT OF
14 THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS. AS A CERTIFIED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 PARAMEDIC FOR OVER 20 YEARS, I PERSONALLY RESPONDED TO THE
16 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, THE L.A. RIOTS, THE SANTA MONICA
17 FARMERS MARKET INCIDENT, THE GLENDALE TRAIN DISASTER IN WHICH
18 WE SENT 11 AMBULANCES AND TRANSPORTED 12 PATIENTS. AND, MOST
19 RECENTLY, KATRINA AND RITA AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT, IN MY
20 ENTIRE CAREER, I HAVE NEVER, EVER SEEN AN INCIDENT WHERE THERE
21 WERE NOT ENOUGH PRIVATE AMBULANCES. THE FACT IS IS THAT WE
22 PROBABLY RUN OUT OF HOSPITAL BEDS BEFORE WE RUN OUT OF
23 AMBULANCES.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **JOE CHIDLEY:** I'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY BUT
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **ERIK MANDLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS ERIK
8 MANDLER WITH EM SOLUTIONS GROUP. I'M CURRENTLY WORKING WITH
9 WESTMED/MCCORMICK ON THIS CONTRACT. I'D LIKE TO GO ON RECORD
10 THAT I FEEL THAT THIS HAS BEEN A FAIR AND OUTSTANDING PROCESS
11 THAT HAS USED RESPONSE TIME PERFORMANCE AND COST SAVINGS TO
12 THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY AS A PRIMARY SET OF CONDITIONS TO
13 MEASURE THE CONTRACT AND I URGE YOUR VOTE TODAY TO RATIFY THIS
14 CONTRACT.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17

18 **CHUCK DOVEY:** MR. MAYOR AND THE BOARD, MY NAME IS CHUCK DOVEY.
19 I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR WESTMED
20 AMBULANCE AND I'M ALSO THE C.E.O. FOR OUR MONTEREY DIVISION.
21 WE RECENTLY WON THE CONTRACT TO SERVE AS AN A.L.S. AMBULANCE
22 PROVIDER FOR ALL OF MONTEREY. AND, INTERESTINGLY, I THINK THE
23 CONCERNS THAT WERE EXPRESSED DURING THAT BID PROCESS PARALLEL
24 TO SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE HAD. NUMBER ONE,
25 IT HAD TO BE A SEAMLESS TRANSITION AND I THINK WE'VE



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1 DEMONSTRATED THAT, WITH THE COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES,
2 THAT WE CAN DO A SEAMLESS TRANSITION, WE DID SO IN INGLEWOOD
3 AND WE DID SO FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY. AND, ALSO, THE
4 AVAILABILITY OF MUTUAL AID IN DISASTER SITUATIONS, IN
5 TECHNICAL JARGON, IT'S CALLED SURGE CAPACITY. IS THERE GOING
6 TO BE ENOUGH RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT A TIME THAT THEY'RE
7 REQUIRED BECAUSE OF A DISASTER OR MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENT?
8 AND, IN THIS SITUATION IN LOS ANGELES, ALL THE PROVIDERS HAVE
9 WORKED TOGETHER IN THE PAST, WHETHER IT WAS THE DERAILMENT OF
10 THE TRAIN IN GLENDALE OR SENDING UNITS TO LOUISIANA OR TEXAS.
11 AND, IN FACT, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE, UNDER THIS NEW CONTRACT, A
12 GREATER SURGE CAPACITY. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE AMBULANCES
13 AND MORE RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN CASE OF A MULTI-CASUALTY
14 INCIDENT OR A DISASTER THAN YOU DO TODAY. AND I THINK
15 EVERYTHING ELSE HAS BEEN PRETTY WELL SAID BY MY COMRADES HERE,
16 SO I'M GOING TO DEFER MY TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU FOR TESTIFYING. OKAY. MAYOR
19 JOE ESQUIVEL, COUNSEL WOMAN NANCY RAMOS, ROBERT CHAVEZ, LAURIE
20 HUNTER.

21

22 **MAYOR JOE ESQUIVEL:** GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
23 JOE ESQUIVEL, I'M THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. I'M HERE
24 REPRESENTING 83,000 PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD.
25 THEY ARE ASKING ME TO ASK YOU OR TRY TO CONVINCE YOU THAT WE



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1 DO NOT WANT TO LOSE A.M.R. AS OUR SERVICE PROVIDER IN THE
2 AMBULANCE SERVICE. I HAVE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THE RESPONSE
3 TIME. NO COMPLAINTS. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS AT ALL
4 WITH THEIR SERVICES. JUST RECENTLY, I TALKED TO ALL THE MAYORS
5 AT THE SANITATION DISTRICTS, AT THE PEST [?] CONTROL DISTRICTS
6 AND I ALSO AM A PAST PRESIDENT OF CONTRACT CITIES, AND THEY
7 ALL AGREE WITH ME THAT THEY SUPPORT MY EFFORT HERE TO TRY AND
8 CONVINCE YOU TO LEAVE LAKEWOOD, MAINTAIN THEIR SERVICES WITH
9 AMR. I CAN ALSO TELL YOU THAT THE DISASTER PLANS THAT ARE
10 BEING PROMOTED THROUGHOUT THE DIFFERENT CITIES, I WOULD BE
11 VERY COMFORTABLE TO HAVE AMR AS MY PROVIDER, BECAUSE I'VE SEEN
12 THEM-- I COME FROM A SMALL TOWN IN LOUISIANA WHERE THEY WERE
13 DOWN THERE HELPING WITH THE KATRINA DISASTER. THAT BEING SAID,
14 DO THE RIGHT THING AND LET US MAINTAIN AMR. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MAYOR. YES, MA'AM.

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18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS. ON
19 BEHALF OF THE COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL, I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR
20 OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE COUNTY
21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENTS WITH
22 AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR AMBULANCE
23 SERVICE TO ZONE 6. WE URGE YOU TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO BY
24 KEEPING AMR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ZONE 6. WE ARE
25 PLEASED WITH THE EXTRAORDINARY LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY



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1 AMR AND FEEL THEIR PROPOSAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED ON THE
2 MERITS OF THE COMPANY'S PREVIOUS CONTRACT PERFORMANCE. WE
3 UNDERSTAND THE CHANGE IN SERVICE PROVIDERS RECOMMENDED BY THE
4 D.H.S. WAS BASED ON INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE TIME DATA AND DOES
5 NOT SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF PATIENT SAFETY AND SERVICE
6 WHILE THE 2003 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TRAIN DERAILMENT HERE IN
7 COMMERCE SHOWED JUST HOW EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE OUR CURRENT
8 SYSTEM IS. FOR THESE REASONS, WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO
9 RECONSIDER AWARDING AN AMBULANCE CONTRACT TO A NEW AMBULANCE
10 SERVICE PROVIDER AND MAINTAIN THE CONTRACT WITH AMR FOR
11 EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE NEEDS IN ZONE 6. WE HOPE THAT,
12 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKES THIS FINAL
13 DETERMINATION, YOU WILL RECOMMEND A REEXAMINATION OF THE
14 FINDINGS OF THE COUNTY REVIEW PANEL AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL
15 INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVED BY AMR. AS MANY OF YOU ARE
16 AWARE, I'M SURE, IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE, WE ARE VERY
17 SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN SERVICE RELATED TO EMERGENCY AND
18 PUBLIC SAFETY AS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE RECENT PROPOSAL FOR
19 CHANGE IN OUR FIRE SERVICE PROVIDER. OUR COMMUNITY HAS
20 EXPRESSED THAT VERY SAME CONCERN REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE
21 IN AMBULANCE SERVICES AND WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE NOT CHANGE THE
22 AMBULANCE SERVICE IN ZONE 6. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAVEZ.



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1 **ROBERT CHAVEZ:** ROBERT CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
2 IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS FOR CITY OF COMMERCE. GOOD
3 AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. WE ARE VERY
4 CONCERNED, AS OUR COUNCIL MEMBER SPOKE ABOUT HERE. MY
5 RESPONSIBILITY IS EVALUATING PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS FOR THE
6 CITY OF COMMERCE AND I HAVE BEEN IN THAT ROLE FOR OVER 10
7 YEARS. IN RESEARCHING ALL THESE DIFFERENT SERVICES, AMR HAS
8 HAD A LONG HISTORY WITH US AND HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THE
9 CITY OF COMMERCE. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
10 YOUR REPORT SHOULD BE READ INTO THE RECORD BECAUSE MR. KNABE
11 HIT IT RIGHT ON THE HEAD, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.
12 EVERYBODY MADE A DECISION WITHOUT COMING TO THE CITIES TO ASK
13 US HOW WE FELT ABOUT IT AND THEN THERE WAS THIS MEETING HELD
14 IN LAKEWOOD WHEN IT FIRST CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AND EVERYONE
15 RAISED THE FLAG AND SAID WAIT, WAIT A MINUTE. THEN THEY WENT
16 BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND CAME UP WITH ALL THESE NEW
17 SOLUTIONS. BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, I MEAN, WE HAVE GREAT
18 CONCERNS AS YOU KNOW AND IT'S BEEN MENTIONED AND IT WAS ALL
19 OVER THE NEWS. WE HAD A MAJOR DISASTER IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE
20 WITH A TRAIN DERAILMENT THAT WAS VERY DISASTROUS AND WE HAVE
21 AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PROGRAM AND WE HAVE AN AREA WITH SANTA
22 FE RAILROAD WHERE WE HAVE BOXCARS, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF
23 CHEMICALS, TOXICS ALL OVER THE TOWN AND WE HAVE TWO MAJOR
24 FREEWAYS THAT GO THROUGH THERE. SO WE'VE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF
25 HAVING TO RESPOND TO MAJOR EMERGENCIES AND AMR HAS BEEN THERE



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1 WITH US ALONG IN OUR EFFORTS. THESE ARE HUGE UNDERTAKINGS WITH
2 L.A. COUNTY FIRE, L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE REST OF ALL OF
3 OUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PEOPLE. WE HAVE A POPULATION OF
4 90,000 THAT WORK IN THAT CITY EVERY DAY AND WE FEEL VERY
5 CONFIDENT WITH AMR AND ALL THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDED US
6 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DAVID MINTZ, AL BONZALEZ.
9 MAYOR NOGUEZ, AND JASON MCGUIRE. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
10 RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

11

12 **AL BONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS AL BONZALEZ. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE
13 COMMERCE CITY ASSOCIATION, ALSO MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN
14 GROUP IN OUR CITY. OUR CITY IS A SMALL CITY, 13,500 PEOPLE,
15 WHICH IS 60, 75% ARE SENIOR CITIZENS. THOSE SENIOR CITIZENS
16 ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT CHANGE IN OUR CITY FROM OUR AMBULANCE
17 SERVICE. JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, MY NEIGHBOR CALLED 9-1-1. IF NOT
18 FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A GONER RIGHT
19 NOW. PLEASE KEEP AMR AS OUR AMBULANCE SERVICE. ALSO, AMR HAS
20 BEEN DONATED AMBULANCES TO OUR CITY FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS,
21 THEY HAVE DONATED SIX AMBULANCES. ALSO, WITHIN A MONTH OR TWO,
22 THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ONE GOING TOWARDS THE CITY. PLEASE KEEP
23 AMR AS OUR AMBULANCE SERVICE. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. WHICHEVER.



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JASON MCGUIRE: ALL RIGHT. MY NAME IS JASON MCGUIRE. I AM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF E.M.T.S AND
PARAMEDICS LOCAL 187. I THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY ON MY MEMBERS'
BEHALF. THE IAP LOCAL 187 REPRESENTS CLOSE TO 700 MEMBERS THAT
CURRENTLY WORK FOR AMR IN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES AND
WE HAVE DONE THAT FOR OVER SIX YEARS. WE ARE A CLOSE KNIT
FAMILY AT AMR AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF LOCAL 187 DOES NOT
WANT TO SEE THAT FAMILY BROKEN UP AND/OR REDUCED. IN 2004, FOR
ALMOST A YEAR, THE IAP, ALONG WITH AMR, WORKED VERY HARD TO
CREATE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT THAT IS CURRENTLY
IN PLACE. IF OUR MEMBERS ARE FORCED TO WORK FOR OTHER
AMBULANCE PROVIDERS AS A RESULT OF AMR LOSING THE PRIVILEGE TO
SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE IS NO
GUARANTEE THAT OUR MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE BENEFITS AND WAGES
THEY ARE ENTITLED TO NOW. THE IAEP FEELS THAT WITH ALL THE
RESOURCES IN PLACE NOW, THE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK THAT IS IN
PLACE NOW AND THE EMPLOYEES-- THE EMPLOYEE TRAINING IN PLACE
NOW AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST THE CARING AND COMPASSION AND
EXPERIENCE OF OUR MEMBERS, THERE'S REALLY NO OTHER CHOICE BUT
AMR TO BE AWARDED ALL SEVEN EMERGENCY OPERATING AREA ZONES IN
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **JOHN R. NOGUEZ:** MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JOHN NOGUEZ,
3 I'M THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK. I THANK YOU SO
4 MUCH. IT'S BEEN A TRUE EDUCATION THIS AFTERNOON IN TERMS OF
5 THE AMBULANCE SERVICE THAT WE HAVE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES, OR WILL HAVE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE
7 RECEIVED A LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION AHEAD OF TIME AS A CITY
8 THAT IS SERVED BY THESE AMBULANCES. IT WAS AMR THAT BROUGHT
9 THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE HAD
10 CONTRACT CITIES MAYBE MOVE IT FORWARD A LITTLE BIT MORE OR
11 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES IN ITS LOCAL DIVISION. I AM THE
12 VICE PRESIDENT, LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING PRESIDENT IN AUGUST.
13 SAYING THAT, THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK IS A CITY OF 70,000
14 PEOPLE AND WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM AMR'S SERVICE FOR THE LAST
15 NUMEROUS YEARS. WE ARE VERY, VERY HAPPY THAT THE GOODWILL THAT
16 THEY HAVE BUILT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY IN SERVICE, BUT
17 THE COMMUNITY SERVICE IS VERY IMPORTANT. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
18 I NEED TO REMIND YOU, THE RESPONSE TIME IS CRUCIAL BUT LETTING
19 PEOPLE KNOW THAT OUR AMR HAS BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAS
20 BEEN THERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. SO, WITH
21 THAT, CHANGE IS GOOD EVERY NOW AND THEN, BUT WE IN THE CITY OF
22 HUNTINGTON PARK DON'T FEEL THAT THIS CHANGE IS NEEDED OR
23 WARRANTED. WE THANK YOU AND I THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S THE CITY I WAS BORN IN, MISSION
2 HOSPITAL.

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4 **JOHN R. NOGUEZ:** AND IT IS STILL THERE. WE HAVE SOME ISSUES
5 WE'RE DIALOGUING, BUT I'LL LET YOU KNOW. THEY GAVE A LETTER OF
6 \$18 MILLION SAYING THEY HAD THE LINE OF CREDIT AND I THINK
7 MANY OF YOU HAVE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE
8 THAT LETTER OF CREDIT, SO I ENCOURAGE THAT WITHIN ALL OF THESE
9 R.F.P.S WE MAKE SURE THAT THOSE PROVIDERS THAT SAY THAT THEY
10 HAVE, HAVE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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14 **DAVID MINTZ:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP MICHAEL PARKER AND JIM
17 KARRAS.

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19 **DAVID MINTZ:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
20 DAVID MINTZ, I'M WITH AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE AND WITH ME
21 BUT NOT SPEAKING IS LAURIE HUNTER. I THINK MANY OF YOU KNOW
22 LAURIE AS OUR DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. I'M GOING TO
23 READ TO YOU FROM THE TESTIMONY THAT I'VE ALREADY PREPARED AND
24 SUBMITTED TO YOUR OFFICES. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO RESUBMIT MY
25 MEMORANDUM TO YOUR HEALTH DEPUTIES OF MARCH 7TH, 2006, AND



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1 SUBMITTING TWO ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS. AMR IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED
2 WITH ERRORS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE R.F.P. PROCESS. OUR
3 FIRST CONCERN IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGES
4 IT DECIDED TO IGNORE RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUR BOARD'S
5 COUNTYWIDE SERVICE CONTRACT SOLICITATION PROCESS POLICY, WHICH
6 ESTABLISHES A REVIEW PANEL OF CONTRACT EXPERTS FROM OTHER
7 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THIS REVIEW PANEL MADE RECOMMENDATIONS
8 THAT WERE NOT FOLLOWED BY THE DEPARTMENT. IF THE REVIEW
9 PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN FOLLOWED, WE BELIEVE THE
10 RESCORING WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN AMR BEING CHOSEN AND
11 RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SEVEN ZONES. OUR ESTIMATES OF THE
12 RESCORING CAN BE SEEN ON THE RIGHT-HAND COLUMN OF EXHIBIT A,
13 WHICH IS BEING PASSED OUT TO YOU. OUR NEXT CONCERN IS OVER THE
14 INTEGRITY OF THE BID PROCESS. THE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGED
15 THAT-- AT YOUR MAY 8TH 2006 HEALTH DEPUTIES MEETING AND THEY
16 ADMITTED BEFORE THE REVIEW PANEL LAST YEAR THAT THEY RECEIVED,
17 OPENED, AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS
18 THE ORIGINAL AMBULANCE-- SORRY, THE ORIGINAL AMBULANCE COMPANY
19 PROPOSALS WITHOUT FIRST HAVING ESTABLISHED THE DETAILED
20 SCORING POLICY. THE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES IT HAD DETERMINED
21 THE DETAILED SCORING POLICY AFTER THE BIDS HAD BEEN OPENED. IT
22 IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ISSUE AN
23 R.F.P. FOR A CONTRACT WITHOUT HAVING DETERMINED A SCORING
24 POLICY IN ADVANCE AS PART OF THE R.F.P. PROCESS. IT IS A
25 FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF ANY CONTRACTING POLICY. OUR EXHIBIT B IN



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1 YOUR PACKET SHOWS THE D.H.S. ESTABLISHED SCORING POLICY AND
2 WEIGHTS FOR THE MOST COMPLETED R.F.P. WHICH WAS ISSUED IN
3 2000, IT WASN'T 10 YEARS AGO AS WE'VE BEEN TALKING, AND IT WAS
4 FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN INGLEWOOD AND GARDENA. THAT POLICY
5 IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT THAN THE POLICY USED IN THE 2004
6 R.F.P. PROCESS. IN ADDITION, IT'S VERY SURPRISING THAT THE
7 DETAILED WEIGHTINGS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE 2000 R.F.P. AND WERE
8 NOT PUBLISHED IN THE 2004 R.F.P. OUR NEXT CONCERN IS OVER THE
9 LACK OF INVOLVEMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
10 IN THE DESIGN OF THE E.M.S. SYSTEM AND THE REQUIREMENTS THAT
11 THEY WOULD BELIEVE IMPORTANT IN THE R.F.P. WHICH WILL GOVERN
12 THE E.M.S. SYSTEM FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS. HOW CAN A SYSTEM BE
13 DESIGNED AND CONTRACTED FOR WITHOUT THE DETAILED INPUT FROM
14 THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RESPOND TO EVERY 9-1-1 CALL? WE
15 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEEK INPUT FROM CHIEF FREEMAN ON THIS MATTER.
16 THE NEXT IS THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH A MAJOR CHANGE OF
17 PROVIDER. EVEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT SCORING POLICY,
18 THE MARGIN OF DIFFERENCE IS VERY SMALL IN ALL THE CONTRACT
19 ZONES. ONE IS LESS THAN SIX POINTS OUT OF 3,000. IS IT WORTH
20 THE RISK TO CHANGE THE AMBULANCE SYSTEM DURING A TIME OF WAR
21 AND TERRORIST THREAT BY REMOVING AMR WITH SUCH A SMALL SCORING
22 DIFFERENCE? REMEMBER, THIS IS THE PART OF THE EMERGENCY
23 MEDICAL SYSTEM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT IS OPERATING
24 EXTREMELY EFFICIENTLY AND SMOOTHLY. WHY CHANGE IT? THE 70
25 UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES OF AMR, WHO ARE HERE TODAY IN THE BACK,



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1 AND 1,300 OF THEIR FELLOW EMPLOYEES ARE VERY PROUD OF THE JOB
2 THEY HAVE DONE FOR THE COUNTY. WE ARE A VALUABLE CORPORATE
3 CITIZEN IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE
4 CITIES WE SERVE, WE WORK IN A CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FIRE
5 DEPARTMENT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR LONG
6 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, JUST BEFORE YOU GO ON WITH THE
11 TESTIMONY, I THINK COUNTY COUNSEL, WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THIS
12 AT SOME POINT? I THINK MAYBE AFTER WE'RE FINISHED WITH THE
13 TESTIMONY, BUT AT LEAST THE AREA THERE OF THE FLAGRANT
14 VIOLATION COMMENT OF THE CONTRACTING PROCESS SO JUST BE
15 PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THAT, I THINK. WE'LL GO ON WITH
16 TESTIMONY. DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF THIS LETTER? WE'LL GET IT.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
19 RECORD.

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21 **MICHAEL PARKER:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL PARKER. I'M THE PRESIDENT
22 AND CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR PRIORITY ONE MEDICAL
23 TRANSPORT. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY TO BOARD MEMBER BURKE
24 THAT YOU WERE DIRECTLY RIGHT ON WHEN YOU DISCUSSED THOSE
25 VEHICLES. OUT OF THE VEHICLES THAT WE HAD THAT WE LISTED, THEN



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1 ANOTHER COMPANY WAS ABLE TO COME IN WITH BRAND-NEW VEHICLES
2 THAT DIDN'T EXIST. WE PUT THE VEHICLES ON THERE THAT WE HAD,
3 WE WERE ABLE TO PUT THEM ON AND WE LOST THE POINTS AND THE
4 POINTS COST US THIS R.F.P., AND THAT'S NOT RIGHT. WITH THAT
5 SAID, PRIORITY ONE BELIEVES THAT IT IS THE BEST SUITED COMPANY
6 TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE TO ZONE 5. WE ARE
7 ASKING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISSENT FROM THE D.H.S.
8 RECOMMENDATION AND AWARD AREA 5 TO PRIORITY ONE. OUR
9 CONTENTIONS AND REQUEST FOR AWARD IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING
10 FOUR POINTS: ONE, AMR'S PROPOSAL CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT TO
11 SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE IF THE OTHER RECOMMENDED PROVIDERS ARE
12 AWARDED THE CONTRACTS IN ZONES 3, 4, 6, AND 7. AWARDING THESE
13 ZONES REDUCES AMR'S OVERALL CALL VOLUME TO APPROXIMATELY 31%
14 OF THE COUNTY RESPONSES, CAUSING AN OVERALL REDUCTION IN
15 MANAGEMENT AND FACILITIES. AMR TOUTS THAT THEIR TORRANCE
16 COMMUNICATION CENTER, CERRITOS DEPLOYMENT CENTER AND MANY
17 OTHER ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE SPECIFICALLY PERFORMED IF AREAS 3,
18 4, 6 AND 7 ARE TAKEN AWAY. AS A RESULT, THE R.F.P. SCORING
19 POINTS ARE ABOUT APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED POINTS DIFFERENCE
20 BETWEEN AMR'S PROPOSAL AND PRIORITY ONE'S. BASED ON THE 3,000
21 POINTS, THAT'S ABOUT 3-1/2% SPREAD. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
22 FRAGMENTATION OF AMR REDUCES AMR'S ABILITY TO SPECIFIC
23 PERFORMANCE, I.E., ALL STATED SERVICES AND PRODUCTS OUTLINED
24 IN THE PROPOSAL CANNOT SURVIVE IF AMR'S 3, 4, 6 AND 7 ARE
25 LOST. ITEM NUMBER 2, I'M EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT D.H.S.



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1 REPORT AT PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH 9 STATES, "ALL RECOMMENDED
2 CONTRACTORS WILL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AMR, HAVE AGREED TO
3 ELIMINATION OF LATE RESPONSE EXCEPTIONS." THIS IS A VITAL
4 ISSUE FOR BOTH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS
5 IN AREAS 1, 2, AND 5. IF PRIORITY ONE IS AWARDED AREA 5, WE
6 WILL AGREE TO THE EXEMPTIONS THAT THE OTHER PROVIDERS AGREED
7 TO. ITEM NUMBER 3, THE BIDDING ENTITY KNOWN AS AMR IS NO
8 LONGER A LAIDLAW ENTITY. AMR WAS SOLD TO 1X AND FOR THAT IT IS
9 OUR BELIEF THAT AMR'S CORPORATE STRUCTURE IS NO LONGER THE
10 SAME WITHOUT-- THAT WAS THE BIDDING ENTITY REPRESENTING THE
11 R.F.P. THEREFORE THE R.F.P. IS FATALLY FLAWED. ITEM NUMBER 4,
12 IN COMMENTS DISCUSSED IN THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE LETTER, I CAN
13 ASSURE YOU THAT THE RECOMMENDED PROVIDERS IN 3, 4, 6 AND 7 CAN
14 ORCHESTRATE A MASS CASUALTY RESPONSE. I CAN TELL YOU THAT
15 PRIORITY ONE WAS THE SINGLE LARGEST AGENCY RESPONSE TO
16 HURRICANE RITA IN SENDING 18 PARAMEDIC UNITS AND BLS UNITS
17 WITHIN THREE HOURS OF THE REQUEST OF F.E.M.A. WE WORK SIDE BY
18 SIDE WITH CARE AMBULANCE, WESTMED AND AMERICARE, ALL OF WHICH
19 ARE CONSIDERED QUALIFIED BIDDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHOULD
20 YOU FIND THAT THE ITEMS DISCUSSED ARE COMPELLING REASONS TO
21 DISSENT FROM THE D.H.S. RECOMMENDATIONS IN EITHER 1, 2 OR 5 OR
22 IN ANY COMBINATION, PRIORITY ONE IS AN EXISTING QUALIFIED
23 BIDDER AND ACCEPTS CONTRACT LANGUAGE, INCLUDING RESPONSE TIME
24 EXEMPTIONS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR CONSIDERATION.
25 I'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, THE LAST CARD THAT
3 WE HAVE SIGNED IS FROM SYLVIA HAWKINS. YES, SIR.

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5 **JIM KARRAS:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
6 MY NAME IS JIM KARRAS, I'M VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER,
7 PRIORITY ONE MEDICAL TRANSPORT. I AM ALSO A NATIVE ANGELINO
8 AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S EMERGENCY
9 MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM SINCE 1981. PRIMARILY, MY AREA OF
10 SERVICE HAS BEEN THE EASTERN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I'M ALSO A
11 GRADUATE OF JOHN A. ROWLAND HIGH SCHOOL AND SPENT MANY YEARS
12 IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS AREA. WE ARE INTERESTED IN AREA 5.
13 HOWEVER, ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO POINT OUT WAS IN AREA
14 5, AS WELL AS AREA 1 AND 2, THE HIGH DESERT, THE RECOMMENDED
15 PROVIDER HAS NOT AGREED TO HONOR THE ELIMINATION OF RESPONSE
16 TIME EXEMPTIONS THAT EVERY OTHER PROPOSER HAS AGREED TO AT THE
17 DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST. MY QUESTION IS, WHY ISN'T THE RESIDENTS
18 AND VISITORS OF THE CITIES OF DIAMOND BAR AND WALNUT, AS WELL
19 AS THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, HACIENDA
20 HEIGHTS AND THE OTHER AREAS WITHIN ZONE FIVE, AS WELL AS THE
21 HIGH DESERT, ENTITLED TO A SAME STANDARD AS THE OTHER BIDDERS
22 ARE AGREEING TO? WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET THAT STANDARD AND
23 WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD CONSIDER PRIORITY ONE MEDICAL
24 TRANSPORT IN ZONE 5. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I ASKED THAT SAME QUESTION. I THINK THE DEPARTMENT
2 BE-- HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT AS WELL, TOO, SO BE PREPARED TO
3 RESPOND TO THAT AS WELL.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MISS HAWKINS.

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7 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** OKAY. AGAIN, MY NAME IS MISS HAWKINS, SYLVIA
8 HAWKINS. I WOULD AGREE WITH EACH AMBULANCE COMPANY. BEING
9 AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH AMBULANCE TIMING OF DISPATCH,
10 INFORMATION TO CERTAIN AREAS IS A DANGER ZONE. IF, AFTER WAR
11 IN CERTAIN CITIES OR STATES IS LEFT UNDONE, THEN WE CANNOT GO
12 INTO THE REASON WHY THESE RESPONSE IS SLOW AND OUT OF ORDER,
13 WHICH IS BASED UPON THE RACE OR BLACK PEOPLE AREA. IT IS NOT
14 TRUE. IT IS BECAUSE OF OLD WARS, THE WATTS RIOTS IN 1972 THAT
15 WENT AS FAR AS INGLEWOOD, LOS ANGELES WARS OF 1992, RODNEY
16 KING RIOTS, IRAQ WARS IN LOS ANGELES. THESE WARS HAS CAUSED A
17 SHORTAGE OF FIRE, AND AMBULANCE, CARS, PROTECTION. AGAIN, WITH
18 EACH AMBULANCE, THERE MUST BE A CAR TO FATHER THEM. THERE IS A
19 SHORTAGE OF DISPATCH CARS. AGAIN, WE CANNOT HAVE WARS IN 1972,
20 1992 AND EVEN 2001 AND NOW LEAVE IT UNDONE, WHICH IS TALKING
21 ABOUT WATTS. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, AGAIN, OVER 80% OF WATTS,
22 INGLEWOOD AND LOS ANGELES MUST BE DEMOLISHED. THERE IS A
23 SHORTAGE OF DISPATCH SERVICE, THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF FIREMAN,
24 AMBULANCE PROTECTION BECAUSE OF OLD WARS AND RIOTS. I AM WITH
25 AGAIN AMBULANCE PROTECTION AND SERVICE, BUT IN INGLEWOOD AND



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1 WATTS, IT IS KNOWN THAT IT IS HALFWAY DESTROYED. SO WE HAVE TO
2 GO BACK TO DISPATCH OF WARS OF 1972 AND 1992. SO I AM WITH--
3 IF WE HAVE TO GO TO DISPATCH AND GET QUICKER SERVICE AND
4 RESPONSE, WE MUST BUILD BRAND-NEW. WE CANNOT LEAVE WATTS LIKE
5 IT IS. AND IT'S QUICKER SERVICE.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MISS HAWKINS.

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9 **SYLVIA HAWKINS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE A
12 QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNSEL. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. WE GAVE COUNTY COUNSEL A COPY OF THAT
15 TESTIMONY BY MR. MINTZ AND THEN ALSO THE ISSUE AS IT RELATES
16 TO AREA 5 AND THE ABILITY OF A PROVIDER TO OPT OUT OF THE
17 CONDITIONS.

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19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE
20 CLAIM THAT THE BID PROCESS WAS FATALLY FLAWED BECAUSE THE
21 PROPOSALS HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
22 PRIOR TO THE TIME AT WHICH THE WEIGHTING WAS DONE ON THE
23 SUBCATEGORIES TO THE 16 MAJOR CATEGORIES OF THE EVALUATION
24 TOOL REALLY IS, FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS AND REVIEW OF
25 THE FACTS, AN APPEARANCE PROBLEM. IDEALLY, THE PROPOSALS WOULD



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1 NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE BEFORE
2 THAT EFFORT WAS UNDERTAKEN. BUT IN-- FROM OUR REVIEW, IT DOES
3 NOT APPEAR THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN TIME, NOR IS THERE ANY
4 EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS ACTUAL BIAS OR BID RIGGING GOING ON, I
5 BELIEVE IT WAS OVER A WEEKEND THAT THEY HAD THE PROPOSALS. AS
6 YOU KNOW, THE SCORING IS EXTREMELY COMPLEX. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
7 A VERY LARGE EFFORT TO TRY AND DO ALL THAT. THE SCORING, IN
8 ADDITION, WAS DONE BY A CONSENSUS, SO ALL FIVE OF THE MEMBERS
9 OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SUCH
10 AN EFFORT IF THERE WAS ACTUAL RIGGING OF THE SCORING AT THE
11 END. SO, IDEALLY, AND IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE ISSUE AWAY HAD
12 THEY NOT BEEN GIVEN THE PROPOSALS PRIOR TO THAT TIME. THE
13 ISSUE WOULDN'T BE HERE, BUT WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT FACT IS
14 EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS COLLUSION OR IMPROPER ACTIVITIES BY
15 THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I HAVE THE E.M.S. PEOPLE BACK? I KNOW
21 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF FOCUS ON DETAIL. I WANT TO KIND OF BACK
22 UP AND JUST GET THE BIG PICTURE. IS IT YOUR JUDGMENT THAT,
23 BASED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION, THAT THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
24 SERVED BY THESE SEVEN CONTRACTS WILL BE BETTER SERVED, FROM AN



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1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE POINT OF VIEW, THEY WILL BE SAFER, THE
2 SYSTEM WILL BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THEM?

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4 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, SIR.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAN THEY CURRENTLY ARE?

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8 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, SIR.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW DO YOU QUANTIFY THAT? NOT IN TERMS
11 OF R.F.P. RESPONSE, BUT IF SOMEBODY FROM MALIBU OR LA HABRA OR
12 WHEREVER JUST CAME IN AND SAID, "YOU'RE THE HEAD OF E.M.S.,
13 TELL ME WHY THIS IS GOING TO BE BETTER FOR ME," WHAT'S YOUR
14 RESPONSE?

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** BECAUSE THE COMMITMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL
17 PROVIDERS IS WHAT THEY WON THE AREA ON, AND, IN ADDITION,
18 UNLIKE THE PAST CONTRACTS WHERE, WHEN A PROVIDER COMMITTED TO
19 PROVIDE 18 AMBULANCES TO A ZONE, THERE WAS A GENERIC CONTRACT
20 AND THERE WAS NO SPECIFICITY TO THAT ZONE. IN OUR CONTRACTS,
21 THIS ROUND, WE HAVE ATTACHED A SCOPE OF WORK TO EVERY SINGLE
22 CONTRACT THAT STATES THAT, IF THEY HAVE COMMITTED 18
23 AMBULANCES TO THAT ZONE, THEY ARE GOING TO GET 18 AMBULANCES
24 MINIMUM TO THAT ZONE FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE CONTRACT. THEY
25 CAN GO UP BUT THEY CANNOT GO DOWN WITHOUT MY APPROVAL. THERE'S



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1 A LOT OF SPECIFICITY IN THIS CONTRACT, BASED ON THE REASONS
2 WHY THEY WON THE CONTRACT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS RESPONSE TIME GOING TO BE BETTER UNDER
5 THIS CONTRACT THAN IT CURRENTLY IS?

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7 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, RESPONSE TIME WILL BE BETTER AND, IN FACT,
8 THAT SORT OF ADDRESSES THE QUESTION THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ASKED.
9 AFTER WE MADE THE INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS, PART OF THE R.F.P.
10 PROCESS IS FOR US TO SIT DOWN AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE AMBULANCE
11 COMPANIES WHAT THE CONTRACT IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE. ONE OF THE
12 THINGS WE ASKED EACH INDIVIDUAL AMBULANCE COMPANY WAS IF THEY
13 WERE WILLING TO ELIMINATE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CONTRACT. THIS
14 IS SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY IS BEING DONE UP AND DOWN THE
15 STATE. ALL OF THE COMPANIES, AND KEEP IN MIND THAT WE
16 NEGOTIATE INDIVIDUALLY, WE DO NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THEM
17 SEPARATELY-- I MEAN TOGETHER AND, ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, THEY
18 ALL AGREED TO ELIMINATE THE EXEMPTIONS FROM RESPONSE TIME
19 EXCEPT FROM AMR, AND AMR RETAINED THE EXEMPTIONS AND THE
20 REASON WHY THEY RETAINED THEM IS THAT, IN OUR DRAFT CONTRACT,
21 THE EXEMPTIONS WERE LISTED FROM THE ORDINANCE, AND THEREFORE
22 COUNTY COUNSEL ADVISED US THAT WE COULD NOT ELIMINATE THEM IF
23 THE CONTRACTOR WANTED THEM, AND SO THE AMR CONTRACT HAS
24 EXEMPTIONS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE-- DO THEY RETAIN THEIR EXEMPTIONS IN
2 THE AREAS FOR WHICH YOU ARE RECOMMENDING THEM AS WELL?

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4 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, YES, JUST IN THE AREAS THAT THEY ARE
5 RECOMMENDED.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT-- THE EXEMPTIONS ARE NOT IN THE
8 BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE, ARE THEY?

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10 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE BOTTOM LINE IS, IN ORDER TO
11 GET THERE WITHIN 8 MINUTES AND 59 SECONDS, AND THE CONTRACT
12 REQUIRES THAT THEY HAVE TO DO THAT 90% OF THE TIME...

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT THE EXEMPTION WOULD BE FROM THAT
15 REQUIREMENT?

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17 **CAROL MEYER:** 10% WOULD BE FROM THAT REQUIREMENT.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION IS YES, IT IS
20 LESS ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE.

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, SIR.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST ASK YOU A QUESTION. IF THAT'S
25 THE CASE, WERE ALL OF THE OTHER FACTORS AND ALL OF THE



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1 COMPETITORS FOR THOSE AREAS THAT YOU'RE RECOMMENDING AMR SO
2 FAR SUPERIOR-- IS AMR IN OTHER WAYS SO FAR SUPERIOR THAT THE
3 RESPONSE TIME ISSUE, THAT IT SUPERSEDED THE RESPONSE TIME
4 ISSUE?

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6 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, YES, THEY WERE, IN THE AREAS THAT THEY WON
7 THE TOTAL SCORING, THEY SUPERSEDED THE OTHER CONTRACTS.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK YOU A NAIVE QUESTION THAT PROBABLY
10 MY NEIGHBORS WOULD ASK ON A QUESTION LIKE THIS. WHAT DOES
11 SUPERSEDE RESPONSE TIME? WHAT ARE THOSE OTHER ISSUES THAT THEY
12 ARE SO FAR SUPERIOR ON THAT YOU COULD IGNORE RESPONSE TIME?

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14 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, YOU CAN NEVER IGNORE RESPONSE TIMES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, MAYBE THAT WAS A BAD CHOICE WORDS. TO
17 GIVE THEM EXEMPTIONS A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE TIME FROM THE
18 RESPONSE TIME REQUIREMENTS.

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20 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, THERE ARE TOTAL POINTS. THERE WERE TOTAL
21 POINT ASSIGNED TO CATEGORIES...

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE SOME OF THOSE THINGS?

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** NUMBER OF AMBULANCES COULD HAVE BEEN THE REASON
2 WHY. MAYBE THEY OFFERED MORE AMBULANCES IN THAT AREA, NUMBER
3 OF STAFFING, SUPERVISION, POSSIBLY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
4 PROGRAM, OTHER TYPES OF THINGS THAT WERE LISTED-- FINANCIAL
5 STATUS COULD HAVE BEEN THE REASON WHY.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID THE SAME COMPANIES THAT-- OTHER THAN
8 AMR, SCHAEFER, WESTMED AND CARE, DID THEY COMPETE IN AREAS 1,
9 2 AND 5?

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11 **CAROL MEYER:** THERE WERE OTHER COMPANIES THAT COMPETED IN ALL
12 AREAS.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE THREE THAT I JUST MENTIONED DID NOT
15 COMPETE IN 1, 2 AND 5? DID SCHAEFER COMPETE IN 1, 2 AND 5?

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17 **CAROL MEYER:** 2? I DON'T HAVE THAT SCORING SHEET IN FRONT OF ME

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19 **C.A.O. DAVE JANSSEN:** THEY DID IN TWO.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID SCHAEFER COMPETE IN 1, 2 OR 5? I'M
22 SORRY.

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24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SAFER COMPETED IN 2 BUT NOT 5.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID CARE COMPETE IN 1, 2 AND 5?

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3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOT IN TWO.

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5 **CAROL MEYER:** NOT IN 1, NOT IN 5.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WESTMED, SAME QUESTION.

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9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOT IN 5. NOT IN 3.

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11 **CAROL MEYER:** NOT IN 2 OR 1. THERE WERE OTHER COMPANIES.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S YOUR TESTIMONY, THEN, I'M TALKING
14 LIKE A ATTORNEY WHO GRILLED ME ON THE WITNESS STAND THIS
15 MORNING, IS IT YOUR TESTIMONY-- WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, THEN, IS
16 THAT AMR, IN AREAS 1, 2 AND 5, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE
17 ASKING FOR EXEMPTION-- THAT THEY ASKED FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE
18 STANDARD RESPONSE TIME-- THAT, IN EVERY OTHER WAY-- OR,
19 CUMULATIVELY SPEAKING, THEY WERE SO FAR SUPERIOR TO THOSE
20 COMPETING AGAINST THEM...

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22 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...THAT IT COMPENSATED FOR THE EXEMPTION?
2 HOW MANY-- WHAT WAS THE EXEMPTION THAT AMR WAS SEEKING OR
3 GETTING IN THESE AREAS?

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5 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, THERE'S EXEMPTIONS IN THE CONTRACT THAT
6 ALLOW THEM, IF THERE IS A TRAIN THAT STOPS THEM, IF THERE IS
7 TRAFFIC, UNUSUAL TRAFFIC JAM, IF THERE'S WEATHER, THOSE ARE
8 THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE LISTED IN THE COUNTY ORDINANCE AS
9 POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO EXPLAIN TO ME, MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO
12 ME WHAT THE COUNTY ORDINANCE, HOW THAT APPLIES TO THEM, WHY IT
13 DOESN'T APPLY TO SCHAEFER, WESTMED AND CARE.

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** LET ME ASK ED MORRISSEY OF MY STAFF
16 TO RESPOND TO THAT DETAIL.

17

18 **ED MORRISSEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, FELLOW
19 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MR. MAYOR. WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION
20 THAT YOU PROPOSE CONCERNING THE ORDINANCE AND THE REQUIREMENT--
21 - THE ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CONTRACT EXEMPTIONS,
22 EACH OF THE PROVIDERS, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE R.F.P., IS FREE
23 TO AGREE ACTUALLY TO NOT HOLD CONTRACT EXEMPTIONS AND TO NOT
24 TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO EVERY BIDDER COULD VOLUNTARILY SAY WE
2 WILL NOT ASK FOR AN EXEMPTION, BUT IF THEY ASK FOR IT, THEY'RE
3 ENTITLED TO IT?

4

5 **ED MORRISSEY:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. AND ALSO...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THEY PENALIZED FOR ASKING FOR IT? OR
8 WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PENALIZE THEM IN THE BIDDING PROCESS OR
9 DO THEY GET LESS POINTS IF THEY ASK FOR AN EXEMPTION?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** NO. I MEAN, THEIR EXEMPTIONS MAY HAVE AFFECTED
12 THEIR RESPONSE TIME BUT, IN THIS...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEREFORE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** ISN'T THAT A PENALTY?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...HIT ON THAT. IS THAT...

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH. SO THE OTHER ELEMENTS OVERRID THAT BECAUSE
21 THE SCORING IS THE SCORING. WE COULDN'T SAY, WELL, YOU KNOW,
22 THEY WOULDN'T NEGOTIATE THIS AND SO THEREFORE WE RESCORE THEM.
23 THAT'S NOT FAIR TO THE PROCESS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WASN'T MY QUESTION. ALL I'M ASKING IS,
2 WHEN A COMPANY DECIDES IT WANTS TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT UNDER
3 THE COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE STANDARD OF
4 RESPONSE TIME, THAT THAT, IN AND OF ITSELF, IS NOT-- THEY ARE
5 NOT PENALIZED FOR THAT IN AND OF ITSELF?

6

7 **CAROL MEYER:** NO.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO HAS AMR COME BACK TO YOU AT SOME
10 POINT? THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED EARLIER, I DON'T KNOW, AND
11 I APOLOGIZE IF IT WAS, HAS AMR COME BACK TO YOU AT ANY TIME ON
12 THE ISSUE OF EXEMPTIONS, OR HAS ANYBODY ELSE FOR THAT MATTER
13 SAID, WE'D LIKE TO RECONSIDER AND WE'D LIKE AN EXEMPTION?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** NO. AMR ACTUALLY SENT US A LETTER IN RESPONSE TO
16 OUR NEGOTIATIONS INDICATING ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS OUTSIDE OF
17 THE ORDINANCE, AND THOSE WE WERE NOT, YOU KNOW, COMPELLED TO
18 REQUIRE-- OR TO PUT INTO THE CONTRACT. WE WERE ONLY COMPELLED
19 TO PUT THOSE THAT WERE IN THE DRAFT CONTRACT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE OTHER THREE COMPANIES, SCHAEFER,
22 WESTMED AND CARE, DID NOT EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS FOR AN
23 EXEMPTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT. THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ONE OF THEM IS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND
3 THEY DON'T HAVE TRAINS RUNNING THROUGH THEM BUT THEY HAVE
4 SOMETHING MUCH BETTER, WHICH IS GRIDLOCK, AND THEY DIDN'T ASK
5 FOR AN EXEMPTION, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S GRIDLOCK THERE HALF THE
6 DAY? INTERESTING.

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS YOU HAVE TO HAVE A SYSTEM
9 STATUS MANAGEMENT AND DISPATCH IN SUCH A WAY AND YOUR
10 PLACEMENT OF YOUR AMBULANCES. IF YOU NEED MORE AMBULANCES IN
11 ORDER TO GET AROUND DURING THAT TIME OF THE DAY, THAT'S WHAT
12 THEY'RE GOING TO BE HELD TO.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THE FACT-- TWO QUESTIONS I HAVE
15 MORE-- TWO MORE QUESTIONS.

16

17 **MALE VOICE:** [INTERJECTIONS].

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS THAT? THAT'S A NEW ONE. TWO MORE
20 QUESTIONS. THE FACT THAT THEY ASKED FOR EXEMPTIONS DOES AFFECT
21 THEIR OVERALL RESPONSE TIME, IS THAT CORRECT? AS YOU
22 CALCULATE...

23

24 **CAROL MEYER:** IT DIDN'T AFFECT IT IN THE SCORING BECAUSE WE
25 ELIMINATED EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SCORING.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SEE. SO THERE WAS NO IMPACT?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. IN THAT REGARD. LAST QUESTION. ON THE

7 FIRE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER, WHICH WE RECEIVED CLOSE TO NOON

8 YESTERDAY, HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON, THIS R.F.P.

9 PROCESS? WHEN DID IT START?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** THE CURRENT CONTRACT IS 10 YEARS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG WAS THE R.F.P. PROCESS GOING ON?

14

15 **CAROL MEYER:** OH, TWO YEARS, EXCUSE ME. TWO YEARS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TWO YEARS. WAS THERE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

18 FIRE DEPARTMENT THERE, IN THE PROCESS? WAS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

19 REPRESENTED IN THIS PROCESS?

20

21 **CAROL MEYER:** WE REQUESTED A REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE ON

22 THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID HE?

25



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY MEETINGS, ROUGHLY, WERE THERE OF
4 THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE?

5

6 **CAROL MEYER:** THEY MET EVERY DAY FOR TWO WEEKS AND THEN THEY
7 HAD SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WHEN INFORMATION WAS BROUGHT BACK TO
8 THEM.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID THE ISSUE OF RECIPROCITY OR MUTUAL
11 AID...

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** MUTUAL AID.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...COME UP IN ANY OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS,
16 EITHER PRIVATELY OR WHEN YOU CONVENED AS A COMMITTEE?

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK THAT CERTAINLY OPERATIONS ARE OF CONCERN
19 FROM CHIEF FREEMAN, AND I CAN APPRECIATE THE OPERATIONAL
20 CHANGES OF AMBULANCE COMPANIES, BUT THE ISSUE OF MUTUAL AID
21 CAME UP MOST RECENTLY SINCE THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHEN WAS THAT?

24



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** TWO WEEKS AGO WE MADE THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION,
2 WE DISCLOSED IT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS A HARD ISSUE TO RESOLVE, THE ISSUE
5 OF MUTUAL AID? I MEAN, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IN A DISASTER OF
6 SOME KIND, AN EARTHQUAKE OR A PLANE CRASH, AS WE'VE HAD PLANE
7 CRASHES OR TRAIN CRASHES, DON'T YOU HAVE CERTAIN POWERS TO
8 ACTIVATE OR TO CALL IN...

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...AMBULANCES FROM ALL OVER THE PLACE?

13

14 **CAROL MEYER:** YOU KNOW, AND OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN WHAT SOME
15 OF THE PROVIDERS EXPRESSED AND THAT IS THAT WE GET MORE
16 AMBULANCES THAN WE OFTENTIMES NEED AND THEREFORE THE SCENE
17 BECOMES OVERWHELMED, AND I THINK THAT THERE IS A NEED TO HAVE
18 SOME OF THESE COORDINATION ASPECTS IN WRITING. SOME OF THIS
19 HAS BEEN A SORT OF A HANDSHAKE KIND OF A SITUATION, AND I
20 THINK THAT, AS I SAID, OUR, YOU KNOW, CONTINUAL WORKINGS WITH
21 LAW, FIRE AND HEALTH MOST RECENTLY BECAUSE OF T.E.W. AND
22 DISASTER, I THINK IT'S VALUABLE THAT WE PUT THESE THINGS IN
23 WRITING, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S AN ISSUE OF LACK OF
24 AMBULANCES. KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL OF THESE AMBULANCE COMPANIES
25 ALSO HAVE INNER FACILITY TRANSPORT CAPABILITY, WHICH IS



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1 ANOTHER WHOLE COMPONENT OF THEIR SERVICE. IN ADDITION TO THAT,
2 I MENTIONED THE OTHER CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE WITH LICENSED
3 COMPANIES AND THE OTHER CITIES, THERE ARE 22 CITIES THAT
4 ACTUALLY PROVIDE THEIR OWN AMBULANCE SERVICE EITHER FROM THEIR
5 FIRE DEPARTMENT OR BY A SUBCONTRACTOR, AND I THINK THAT CHIEF
6 FREEMAN'S CONCERN ABOUT THE NEED TO COORDINATE THIS, THOUGH,
7 IS A VALID CONSIDERATION AND I THINK THAT WE CAN CLEARLY DO
8 THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES IT WARRANT A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS
11 CONTRACT? OF THESE CONTRACTS?

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** I DO NOT BELIEVE IT DOES. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT
14 DOES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN 60
17 DAYS TO-- I BELIEVE HE ASKED FOR 60 DAYS TO WORK THIS OUT. DO
18 YOU THINK THAT IT...

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** NO, I THINK WE CAN EASILY WORK THIS OUT IN 60
21 DAYS BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT ENDS IN 60 DAYS.
22 I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT GOES ON AND ON, THAT ALL
23 ASPECTS OF WHAT WE DO NEEDS TO BE CONTINUED.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, IN SUMMATION, YOU BELIEVE THAT WE OUGHT
2 TO ACT ON THIS TODAY?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, SIR.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU BELIEVE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 RESIDENTS AND PERSPECTIVE USERS OF THE E.M.S. SYSTEM WILL BE
8 BETTER SERVED BY THIS THAN BY THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS?

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE. SUPERVISOR KNABE
15 AFTER BURKE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE? A REPRESENTATIVE? MY
18 UNDERSTANDING WAS NOT THAT WHETHER IT COULD BE DONE IN 60 DAYS
19 BUT I GATHER THE ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT THERE WOULD BE
20 LEVERAGE AFTER THE CONTRACT'S SIGNED, IT THERE BE-- CERTAINLY,
21 THERE'D BE NO LEVERAGE ON THE PEOPLE ONCE THEY'VE SIGNED THE
22 CONTRACT. CAN WE GET THAT CLARIFIED?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO GET CHIEF
25 FREEMAN'S SIGN-OFF BEFORE YOU GO INTO ANY AGREEMENT.



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2 **CAROL MEYER:** I DO AS WELL.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR, THE QUESTION? I WAS...

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I JUST WANT TO GET CLARIFICATION. DID YOU
7 ASK THAT THERE BE-- WORK OUT SOME OF THESE ISSUES IN TERMS OF
8 MUTUAL AID BEFORE THERE'S AN ACTUAL SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT
9 AND AWARDS?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE MAYOR, SUPERVISOR BURKE, OUR CONCERN HAD TO
12 DO WITH ASSURING, GIVEN THE GOODWILL OF THE AMBULANCE
13 PROVIDERS, STILL ASSURING THAT, CONTRACTUALLY, THE COUNTY IS
14 ABLE TO ASSERT AND RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZED, WELL
15 ENGINEERED MUTUAL AID AMBULANCE RESPONSE HOWEVER, THAT COULD
16 BE ACCOMPLISHED. I DID NOT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO
17 TIMELINES OR WHETHER BEFORE OR AFTER.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU INDICATED IN YOUR LETTER, CHIEF, YOU SAID
20 THAT MANY OF THE MILESTONES COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE
21 60-DAY IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD BUT MANY CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED,
22 NAMELY THE MUTUAL AID PROVISIONS, AND THESE MAY BE THE MOST
23 IMPORTANT, AND THAT'S YOUR LETTER.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S CORRECT, AND IN TERMS OF THE
2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENGINEERED SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF MUTUAL AID,
3 TALKING WITH MY STAFF AND BASED ON EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER TYPES
4 OF THINGS, WE BELIEVE IT COULD BE APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS TO GET
5 THAT ACCOMPLISHED. AGAIN, MS. MEYER AND I HAVE HAD
6 CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS. I THINK A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH
7 WHAT TIMELINES ARE ESTABLISHED TO GET THIS ACCOMPLISHED. IF
8 THERE'S NOT A FIRM TIMELINE, AND I'M VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH A
9 YEAR TO GET SOMETHING ACCOMPLISHED, SO I THINK THAT IF A FIRM
10 TIMELINE IS ESTABLISHED, AND THE RESOURCES ARE BROUGHT
11 TOGETHER, AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT THE AMBULANCE PROVIDERS
12 HAVE OPERATED WELL IN THE PAST AND I FEEL CERTAIN THAT, IF WE
13 CAN GET EVERYBODY TOGETHER, WE CAN GET IT ACCOMPLISHED IN A
14 TIMELY FASHION. STAFF ADVISES ME THAT THEY BELIEVE 90 DAYS
15 WOULD BE A VERY RAPID TIMEFRAME IN WHICH TO GET THIS
16 ACCOMPLISHED.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULD YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE HAVING THAT DONE
19 PRIOR TO THE CONTRACT SIGNING?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT REALLY
22 GOES BACK TO CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS, HOW MUCH THE COUNTY IS
23 WILLING TO RELY ON AFTER THE CONTRACT IS APPROVED TO BE
24 DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENT TO THAT AND HOW MUCH SHOULD BE IN PLACE
25 PRIOR TO. I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME FOR THE COUNTY AT LARGE THAT



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1 THIS BE ESTABLISHED IN WRITING WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
2 THAT HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY THAT IS NECESSARY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** LET ME REPHRASE MY QUESTION. WOULD IT BE MORE
5 PRUDENT TO DO THAT PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT? I
6 MEAN, IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'VE GOT RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, FROM THE DEPARTMENT BUT TO FINALIZE THAT IN
11 YOUR LEVEL OF COMFORT AND THOSE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR
12 DEPARTMENT, WOULD IT BE BETTER TO DO THAT CONTRACTUAL
13 AGREEMENT AS IT RELATES TO MUTUAL AID PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF
14 THE CONTRACT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. THAT WOULD BE MY PROFESSIONAL VIEW JUST IN
17 TERMS OF CONTRACTING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A QUESTION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW THIS IS ALL VERY IMPORTANT AND ALL BUT LET
2 ME UNDERSTAND AND ASK THE C.A.O., OF THE FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS
3 THAT YOU MADE, I THINK THERE WERE FIVE, RIGHT? THE DEPARTMENT
4 ACCEPTED THREE OF THEM, IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE REVIEW PANEL?

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** THE REVIEW PANEL, THREE OF THE FIVE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THREE OF THEM. WAS ONE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE
11 OTHER? BECAUSE, WHEN I LOOK AT SOME OF THESE ISSUES,
12 CERTAINLY, AND THE TOUGH ONE TO UNDERSTAND IS THIS EXEMPTION
13 ISSUE, WOULDN'T THAT HAVE BEEN MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THE
14 OTHERS? THAT WAS ONE OF THE ONES THAT THEY DID NOT ACCEPT.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES. MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR, I WOULD SAY THAT
17 PROBABLY-- LISTENING TO THE DISCUSSION HERE, RESPONSE TIME IS
18 OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN THE EVALUATION.
19 AND THE PANEL SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZE ALL OF
20 THE EXEMPTIONS WHEN IT SCORED THE PROPOSERS. THE DEPARTMENT
21 SAID THERE IS NO STANDARD EXEMPTION PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA.
22 EVERYBODY EXEMPTS FOR A DIFFERENT REASON. THERE'S NO WAY YOU
23 CAN DO THAT AND BE FAIR. I AGREE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MADE THE
24 RIGHT DECISION IN REJECTING THAT PARTICULAR ADVICE. LOOKING AT
25 THE SCORING SHEETS, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS



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1 GETTING AT THIS, AMR APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HURT BY THAT
2 DECISION, BASED ON THE SCORING, APPARENTLY BECAUSE THEY HAD
3 MORE EXEMPTIONS THAN OTHER VENDORS DID. SO, WHEN YOU LOOK AT
4 THE SCORING DOCUMENTS, 66 POINTS IS WHAT THEY RECEIVED AGAINST
5 170, 150, ET CETERA, SO THE DECISION DID AFFECT THE PROPOSERS
6 DIFFERENTLY BUT I DO THINK IT WAS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT
7 DECISION TO MAKE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S BEHALF.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF FAIRNESS AND IN
10 REVIEWING THE PROCESS, DO YOU THINK THAT THAT WAS STATED UP
11 FRONT? IT CERTAINLY WASN'T, WAS IT? I MEAN, THEY OPERATED
12 WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF EXEMPTIONS WHICH I GUESS WAS STANDARD.
13 THAT'S THE PART I CAN'T RECONCILE FOR MYSELF.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M TRYING TO THINK WHAT THE R.F.P. SAID
16 ABOUT...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WAS SILENT ON IT SO...

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** IT DID NOT DEFINE HOW RESPONSE TIME WAS RATED.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...WOULDN'T AN ASSUMPTION BE MADE?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, IN WHICH CASE, IT GIVES, OBVIOUSLY GIVES
25 THEM THE ABILITY TO DO IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. THEY CHOSE TO



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1 DO IT IN A WAY I THINK THAT WAS MORE FAIR TO EVERYONE BECAUSE
2 YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE EXEMPTION PROCESS. IF THEY KNEW AND
3 WENT...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS A PANEL,
6 YOU'RE SAYING THAT NOW, BUT YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS A PANEL...

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THE THREE PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE PANEL,
9 THAT WAS THEIR RECOMMENDATION. THEY WERE AN ADMINISTRATIVE
10 BODY, THEY LISTENED TO TESTIMONY. THAT WAS THEIR
11 RECOMMENDATION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND SO THAT WAS ONE OF THE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS WHERE YOU SAID THERE SHOULD BE A RESCORING,
15 AND YET THE DEPARTMENT CHOSE NOT TO.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT. THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT THAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT-- THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. YOU'RE GOING BEYOND. SO I'M
21 JUST GOING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK. I'M JUST SAYING NOW, DON'T
22 YOU THINK THAT, WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT NOW AS YOU REVIEW THESE,
23 OF THE FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU MADE, THAT THIS WAS
24 PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT, AS FAR AS POINTING OUT WHETHER
25 A PROCESS IS, QUOTE, FAIR OR MAYBE NOT AS FAIR?



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WAS-- YES, IT WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BUT
3 I ALSO BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT MADE THE RIGHT DECISION NOT TO
4 FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE PANEL.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR
9 YAROSLAVSKY?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT TO COMPLICATE MATTERS BUT I DO THINK
12 THAT IT OUGHT TO BE ON THE RECORD, AND I WANT TO HEAR YOUR
13 RESPONSE BECAUSE I MAY NOT HAVE PHRASED MY QUESTION EARLIER,
14 I'M LOOKING AT A SCORING SHEET FROM ZONE ONE. UNDER C-4,
15 RESPONSE TIME PERFORMANCE, YOU SCORED AMERICAN MEDICAL
16 RESPONSE, AMR, 66 POINTS; HALL AMBULANCE, 176 POINTS; PRIORITY
17 ONE, 154 POINTS. SO, ARGUABLY, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, THAT, IN
18 TERMS OF RESPONSE TIME, HALL AND PRIORITY ONE ARE 2-1/2 TO
19 THREE TIMES BETTER THAN AMR, OR 110 POINTS BETTER IN THE CASE
20 OF HALL AND 80 BETTER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BETTER THAN
21 PRIORITY ONE-- PRIORITY ONE WAS BETTER BY 80 SOME ODD POINTS.
22 AND YOU GET TO THE BOTTOM LINE AND THE DIFFERENCE-- AND YOU
23 RECOMMENDED AMR IN ZONE 1. I DON'T KNOW WHERE ZONE 1 IS. WHERE
24 IS THAT?

25



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** IT'S IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** LANCASTER PALMDALE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANTELOPE VALLEY. LANCASTER PALMDALE. SO THE
6 PEOPLE OF-- THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU THE QUESTION, YOU KNOW, THE
7 AVERAGE GUY, I THINK, IS GOING TO ASK YOU ONE QUESTION-- TWO
8 QUESTIONS: HOW FAST ARE THEY GOING TO GET HERE AND CAN THEY DO
9 THE JOB? AND AMR WON THAT ZONE BY WHAT APPEARS TO ME TO BE
10 FOUR POINTS. 2,431 TO 2,427. THE WINNER OF THAT ONE WAS HALL,
11 IS THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** THEY WEREN'T THE WINNER. THEY WERE-- AMR WAS THE
14 WINNER.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. THE SECOND PLACE WAS HALL, YES,
17 BUT AMR WAS 110 POINTS ON RESPONSE TIME. ADMITTEDLY, IT
18 APPEARS TO BE-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT PERCENTAGE WAS ASSIGNED TO
19 THAT IN THE WHOLE SCHEME OF THINGS...

20

21 **CAROL MEYER:** IT WAS HEAVILY WEIGHED AS I INDICATED BECAUSE
22 IT'S ONE OF THE CRITICAL FACTORS.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEY GOT 2,400 POINTS, 2,431 POINTS
2 AND THEY ONLY GOT 66 ON RESPONSE TIME PERFORMANCE, SO IT
3 DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S HEAVILY WEIGHTED TO ME.

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH, IT WAS HEAVILY WEIGHTED.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXPLAIN THAT TO ME.

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** THE WEIGHT OF THE CATEGORY, THE WEIGHT IN THE
10 CATEGORY WAS HEAVILY WEIGHTED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SEE. SO FIRST YOU DO THE INTERNAL TO THE
13 CATEGORY AND THEN THE CATEGORY GETS-- I SEE.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WAS 23%, THE CATEGORY, AND THEN THAT WAS
16 WEIGHED HEAVILY...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. SO I GUESS MY
19 QUESTION TO YOU IS, IF I LIVED IN LANCASTER OR PALMDALE AND I
20 ASKED YOU THE QUESTION, "MADAM DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES,
21 WHY ARE YOU RECOMMENDING AN AMBULANCE CONTRACT WHERE RESPONSE
22 TIME IS SO INFERIOR IN ONE CASE, THE COMPANY YOU'RE
23 RECOMMENDING, TO THE OTHER TWO? WHAT IS IT ABOUT THE OTHER
24 COMPANIES THAT WAS SO INFERIOR OR WHAT WAS IT ABOUT AMR THAT



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1 WAS SO SUPERIOR, SINCE THEIR RESPONSE TIME IS SO INFERIOR,
2 THAT CAUSED YOU TO TILT THEIR WAY?" LET ME JUST...

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, I'D HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE
5 INDIVIDUAL SCORES. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE COMMITTEE SCORED EACH
6 ELEMENT SEPARATELY. THERE WAS NEVER A TABULATION OF SCORES,
7 THERE WAS NEVER A, YOU KNOW, A SCORING IN A CATEGORY, THERE
8 WAS NEVER WHOLE SCORING. THEY LOOKED AT EACH ELEMENT
9 INDIVIDUALLY AND THAT'S WHAT THE R.F.P. REQUIRES, AND YOU
10 TABULATE THE SCORES AND THE SCORES ARE THE SCORES. SO I WOULD
11 HAVE TO-- I DON'T KNOW.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APPRECIATE THAT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT
14 I JUST-- I JUST WANT TO POINT IT OUT, BECAUSE THE-- THE ARROWS
15 HAVE BEEN SHOOTING FROM KIND OF ONE DIRECTION, AT LEAST
16 JUDGING BY MY MAIL, AND NOBODY'S LOOKED AT THE OTHER SIDE OF
17 THIS, AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION, AND I THINK THERE'S
18 SOME QUESTIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQU-- , I THINK THERE'S
19 A QUESTION ABOUT-- I DON'T WANT TO SAY A QUESTION ABOUT THE
20 PROCESS BUT, TO ME, IT'S AN OBVIOUS QUESTION THAT THE AVERAGE
21 CITIZEN, ESPECIALLY HIGH RISK PEOPLE, WHO HAVE A HIGH
22 PROPENSITY OF HEART ATTACKS AND STROKES OR WHERE THERE'S--
23 YOU'RE OUT IN THE DESERT AND YOU HAVE A HIGH PROPENSITY TO GET
24 INTO BIG AUTO ACCIDENTS AND THAT SORT OF THING, WOULD WANT TO
25 KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. THE OTHER COMPANIES MUST



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1 REALLY BE BAD IN SOME OTHER AREAS IF YOU'RE WILLING TO
2 OVERLOOK A RESPONSE TIME DIFFERENTIAL THAT IS SO GREAT. I
3 APPRECIATE THAT THEY DON'T-- YOU DON'T SIT AND CONSPIRE ON
4 THESE THINGS AND THAT'S THE WAY YOU SHOULD-- YOU SHOULDN'T DO
5 THAT, YOU GO THROUGH A RATING PROCESS, BUT THERE ARE QUESTIONS
6 THAT ARE RAISED, AND I WON'T DO THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME,
7 BUT YOU COULD GO THROUGH EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE RATING
8 SHEETS ON EVERY ZONE, THE SAME THING, SAME EXACT SITUATION, OR
9 SIMILAR SITUATION. OKAY. THAT'S ALL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT, THOUGH, IS YOU
14 HAVE, I MEAN, THAT WAS THE ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED IN WHETHER
15 THEY WERE PENALIZED, ANYONE WAS PENALIZED FOR EITHER ACCEPTING
16 THE EXEMPTION OR NOT ACCEPTING THE EXEMPTION. AND SO, ON THE
17 OTHER SIDE OF IT, YOU HAVE THE TRUST ME PART WHERE YOU HAVE TO
18 PERFORM. I MEAN, ANYONE CAN SAY ANYTHING, SO YOU STILL HAVE TO
19 PERFORM, AND SO SOMEONE THAT MAY KNOW THE AREA HAS BETTER
20 INSIGHT AS TO WHAT THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS ARE AS IT RELATES TO
21 WAIVING AN EXEMPTION OR NOT. I MEAN, ISN'T THAT CORRECT? I
22 MEAN, THIS IS THE MONITORING SIDE...

23

24 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT, IT FALLS ON ME TO MONITOR THE EXEMPTIONS,
25 IS WHAT IT DOES. THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM
3 THE DEPARTMENT. DO WE HAVE A MOTION?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE IT.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. CALL
8 THE ROLL. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, I WAS WAITING AND I THINK THAT THE
11 COUNTY COUNSEL SAID THEY WERE GOING TO GET AN OPINION FOR ME,
12 THAT WE WILL HAVE THAT AVAILABLE.

13

14 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISOR BURKE, YES,
15 WE'RE TRYING TO FINALIZE A DRAFT RIGHT NOW ON THE ISSUE THAT I
16 ADVISED THE BOARD EARLIER ON.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO RELY ON THE FACT THAT I'LL
19 HAVE THAT BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY.

20

21 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, YOU WILL.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THERE ANY...

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. I ALSO, I WOULD PREFER TO HAVE
3 AS WELL, TOO, A SIGN-OFF OF THE FIRE CHIEF ON THIS WHOLE
4 MUTUAL AID PORTION BEFORE MOVING FORWARD. I MEAN I THINK
5 THAT'S

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO -- I THINK 60 DAYS DOESN'T
8 MAKE SENSE, BUT IF WE CAN JUST -- IF THEY CAN, WITHIN A
9 CERTAIN -- FIRST OF ALL, IF WE CAN RESOLVE ALL THE LEGAL
10 ISSUES AND WE CAN HAVE A COPY OF THE OPINION AND IF THE FIRE
11 CHIEF CAN GET SOME KIND OF COMMITMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR
12 SO.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WHAT YOU SAID,
15 BUT I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WHAT MR. KNABE SAID, WITH THE
16 SIGN-OFF, I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. I THINK HE OUGHT TO BE
17 CONSULTED, I THINK HE OUGHT TO PROVIDE HIS INPUT BUT THE
18 DECISION ULTIMATELY IS MISS MEYERS' DECISION, NOT THE FIRE
19 CHIEF'S DECISION.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THIS IS FIRST RESPONDER.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, CONSULTED IS, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND
2 THAT, BUT, I MEAN, WE'VE GOT A FIRE CHIEF THAT HAS THE
3 ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY AS A FIRST RESPONDER THAT THIS
4 CONTRACT IS A PART OF THAT FIRST RESPONDING, AND THAT'S ALL
5 I'M SAYING. I'M NOT TRYING TO BLOW UP THE PROCESS OR BLOW UP
6 THE RECOMMENDATION, BUT I ALSO THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE
7 YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF TRUST ME'S IN HERE I THINK, I MEAN, MISS
8 MEYER HAS AGREED THAT THE CHIEF GRANT THIS WHOLE MUTUAL AID
9 PACKAGE IS PUT TOGETHER. IS THAT CORRECT?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. I AGREE THAT IT IS. I THINK THAT WE CAN-- WE
12 HAVEN'T HAD IT FOR 10 YEARS. WE'VE HAD NOTHING IN WRITING FOR
13 10 YEARS, SO I THINK THAT I CAN ABSOLUTELY COMMIT TO CHIEF
14 FREEMAN THAT I WILL WORK DILIGENTLY IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS TO PUT
15 SOMETHING IN WRITING, BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT'S NEVER GOING
16 TO BE THE END. I THINK IT HAS TO -- IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE
17 GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND ONGOING-LY DEVELOP.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT ISN'T THE DIFFERENCE THAT THE REASON WHY HE
20 HAS SOME CONCERN IS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CHANGING
21 PROVIDERS IN SOME INSTANCES. SO FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, YOU HAD
22 A DIFFERENT SITUATION. WE'RE NOW MOVING TO A DIFFERENT --
23 YOU'RE HAVING MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED, SO IT'S GOING TO BE A
24 LITTLE MORE COMPLEX THAN JUST ONE PERSON HERE THAT HAS MOST OF
25 THE COUNTY, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. SO I THINK THAT -- I GUESS I



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1 DON'T FOLLOW WHY YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT
2 SITUATION.

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4 **SPEAKER:** I UNDERSTAND IT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S
5 OPERATIONAL COMPLEXITY TO CHANGING THAT, BUT THESE AMBULANCE
6 COMPANIES FUNCTION IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE AND THEY DO
7 MUTUAL AID. TWO OF THEM ALREADY -- WELL, THREE OF THEM ALREADY
8 DO MUTUAL AID IN LOS ANGELES, SO THEY ALREADY PARTICIPATE AT
9 THAT LEVEL, AND CARE AMBULANCE DOES MUTUAL AID IN ORANGE
10 COUNTY AND THEY ALREADY TESTIFIED TO THAT, SO I THINK THAT
11 WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS PUT IT DOWN IN CLEAR POLICIES AND
12 PROCEDURES HOW THE FIRE CHIEF WANTS THEM TO RESPOND, WHO WILL
13 CALL THEM, WHICH ITS BEEN THE FIRE CHIEF, AND I HAVE NO
14 PROBLEMS WITH THE FIRE CHIEF DOING THAT, NO-- WHAT PROBLEMS
15 WHATSOEVER. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE
16 WITHIN PLACE, DISPATCH SYSTEM, ALL THOSE THINGS ARE IN PLACE
17 WITHIN 60 DAYS, AND I BELIEVE WE CAN DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M MOVING THAT WE PUT IT OVER A WEEK, GIVE HIM A
22 CHANCE TO GET SOMETHING IN WRITING AND FOR ME TO GET A LEGAL
23 OPINION.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO CONTINUE FOR
2 ONE WEEK? IS THERE A SECOND?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK HE'S GOT IT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** CAN YOU GO ON TO ANOTHER ITEM?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S PUT IT ON THE TABLE. WE HAVE ONE
9 ITEM LEFT, ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHILDREN AND FAMILY
10 SERVICES. SUP. BURKE YOU CAN USE COUNTY COUNSEL OPINION. DID
11 WE DO 2 AS WELL?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I HAVE DR. SANDERS? BY THE WAY, I'D LIKE TO
14 SEE A COPY OF THE LETTER, MAKE SURE THAT WE GET...

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE 2, 17, AND 23 TO GO, SO
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** DR. SANDERS, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOW
20 NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRANSITION HOUSING PROGRAM
21 DESPITE SUCH A HIGH NEED. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE LONG BEACH AREA
22 ALONE, THERE'S AN AVERAGE OF 110 FOSTER KIDS THAT EMANCIPATE
23 FROM THE SYSTEM EACH YEAR AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM ARE AT A
24 VERY HIGH RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, YET THIS PROGRAM ONLY FUNDS
25 FOUR BEDS IN THE LONG BEACH AREA. SO, I MEAN, THAT'S JUST ONE



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1 EXAMPLE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THERE'S STATE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR
2 HOUSING EMANCIPATED YOUTH, BUT THE DEPARTMENT HAS YET TO ISSUE
3 AN R.F.S.Q. TO SOLICIT POTENTIAL AGENCIES. WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO
4 RELEASE THAT OR GET INVOLVED IN THAT?

5

6 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE
7 PROGRAM THAT YOU REFERRED TO IS THE TRADITIONAL HOUSING PLUS
8 PROGRAM, AND IT IS STATE DOLLARS TO GO INTO TRANSITIONAL
9 HOUSING: WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE AN R.F.S.Q. BY
10 SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, WE DID INITIATE AN R.F.I. IN DECEMBER OF
11 LAST YEAR AND WE WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AGAIN WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
12 AT WHETHER THAT R.F.I. CAN BE ACTIVATED SO THAT SERVICES COULD
13 ACTUALLY BEGIN SOONER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** DO YOU THINK YOU COULD THEN WORK WITH THE C.A.O.
16 AND ENSURE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF
17 THIS PROGRAM ARE INCLUDED IN THE DISCHARGE POLICY
18 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT OBVIOUSLY ARE COMING TO THE BOARD WE
19 UNDERSTAND VERY SOON? IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** YES. MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE WILL
22 DO THAT. THIS IS A CRITICAL AREA BECAUSE THIS IS FOCUSED ON
23 YOUTH WHO ARE EMANCIPATING WHO ARE HOMELESS, POTENTIALLY
24 HOMELESS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM NUMBER 17.
2 I WOULD MOVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
3 SERVICES WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE EMANCIPATION PROGRAM
4 PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP ENHANCEMENTS TO THIS TRADITIONAL
5 HOUSING PROGRAM AND THAT FURTHER MOVE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
6 FOR ENHANCING THIS PROGRAM BE INCLUDED IN THE C.A.O.'S
7 RECOMMENDATION ON THE COUNTY'S DISCHARGE POLICIES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK AND -- PUT THAT ON THE
10 TABLE AND THEN JUST ASK A QUESTION. HOW MANY BEDS ARE THERE IN
11 THE FIFTH DISTRICT?

12

13 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THERE ARE 33 BEDS IN THE
14 FIFTH DISTRICT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HOW DID YOU MAKE THE DETERMINATION
17 AS TO WHERE THE BEDS WOULD BE LOCATE?

18

19 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** MAYOR, THE NUMBER OF BEDS ALLOCATED WAS
20 DETERMINED ACTUALLY FROM A STUDY IN THE '90S THAT LOOKED AT
21 THE NUMBER OF YOUTH THAT WERE LEAVING FOSTER CARE THAT WERE
22 HOMELESS. IT WAS A STUDY COMPLETED BY U.C.L.A. AND THAT LED TO
23 THE ALLOCATION COUNTY-WIDE. ONE OF THE OTHER ISSUES IS THE
24 NEGOTIATION WITH LANDLORDS. WE HAVE TO RENT FROM LANDLORDS AT



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1 A FAIR MARKET RATE AND SO THE NEGOTIATION WITH LANDLORDS IS
2 THE OTHER DETERMINING FACTOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION AS AMENDED.
5 SECONDED. ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 2.
6 YOU HELD THAT KNABE AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. MAYOR, I HELD THAT AS WELL, TOO, AGAIN
9 THIS IN REGARDS TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION AND SOME OF THE
10 ISSUES FOR YOU AS WELL. OBVIOUSLY I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION
11 AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM. YOU KNOW,
12 SARA SEA CONTINUES TO COME TO MIND AS A TRAGIC EXAMPLE OF SOME
13 OF THE ISSUES WE'RE DEALING WITH. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR
14 RECOMMENDATION IS THAT IF WE INCREASE THE STAFFING NUMBERS IN
15 THAT AREA, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO DRAW DOWN SOME
16 FEDERAL MONEY AND PROTECT KIDS MORE EFFECTIVELY. IS THAT
17 CORRECT?

18

19 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YES.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** MY OTHER CONCERN IS THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE OVER 400
22 VACANT ITEMS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT. IN LIGHT OF ALL THIS NEW
23 STAFF THAT YOU INTEND TO REQUEST, WHICH GOES FAR BEHIND JUST
24 PUTTING MORE STAFF TOWARDS CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM, MY QUESTION
25 SIMPLY IS THAT HOW DO YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS YOUR VACANCIES?



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2 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE ACTUALLY,
3 AS OF LAST FRIDAY, HAVE 329 VACANCIES OUT OF THE 6,300 STAFF
4 THAT WE HAVE. THE BULK OF THOSE ARE IN THREE AREAS AND WE ARE
5 ADDRESSING EACH OF THE THREE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY. WE HAVE
6 APPROXIMATELY 58 ELIGIBILITY WORKER VACANCIES. THAT WAS A LIST
7 THAT WAS JUST PROMULGATED IN LATE JANUARY, AND SO WE'RE IN THE
8 PROCESS OF INTERVIEWING THOSE STAFF AND WE ANTICIPATE HAVING
9 THE ELIGIBILITY WORKERS HAVE ALL OF THOSE STAFF POSITIONS
10 FILLED. WE ALSO HAVE 63 SOCIAL WORK UNIT SUPERVISOR POSITIONS
11 AND THOSE, AGAIN, WERE THE PHYSICIANS ACCUMULATED AS A LIST
12 WAS BEING PROMULGATED. THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WE ACTUALLY
13 ANTICIPATE THAT THOSE WILL ALWAYS -- THAT ALL OF THOSE
14 POSITIONS WILL BE HIRED WITHIN THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR WEEKS.
15 WHAT THAT WILL DO IS CREATE SOME VACANCIES AMONG CHILDREN
16 SOCIAL WORKERS. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE NO PERMANENT CHILDREN SOCIAL
17 WORKER VACANCIES, SO IN OTHER WORDS WE HAVE ALMOST 2900
18 C.S.W.S. THEY ARE ALL FILLED. WE HAVE 13 TEMPORARY C.S.W.
19 POSITIONS THAT ARE VACANT, SO FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, WE ACTUALLY
20 DON'T HAVE ANY VACANCIES. THE OTHER AREA WITH THE BULK OF
21 VACANCIES IS AMONG OUR CLERICAL STAFF, AND THAT'S BEEN A
22 LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT IN FILLING THOSE POSITIONS. WE HAVE--
23 WE'VE RECRUITED AGGRESSIVELY, WORKED OFF THE COUNTY LIST, BUT
24 THOSE VACANCIES, WE HAVE ABOUT 73 OF THOSE RIGHT NOW.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO ALL THIS WILL BE -- WILL ALL THIS BE ADDRESSED
2 IN YOUR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT LETTER?

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4 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION ON ITEM 2 BY KNABE. SECONDED.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NUMBER 23. YOU HAD HELD THAT,
10 HUMAN RESOURCES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. IS STAFF HERE ON THAT ITEM?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CHEF PARK-- IS PEGGY YORK HERE?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ITEM?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** 23.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING HERE.
23 THIS R.F.P. PROCESS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A WHILE. WHEN DID IT
24 START? 2004?

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1 **PEGGY YORK:** PARDON ME?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN 2004?

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5 **PEGGY YORK:** IN 2004, YES, SIR.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD NOTES. FILED THEM AWAY ALREADY. AT
8 SOME POINT IN THIS PROCESS, LATE IN THIS PROCESS, LATE IN THE
9 PROCESS, YOU DETERMINED -- WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHY --
10 WHY WE'VE GONE THIS LONG AND NOW YOU WANT TO TOSS THEM ALL
11 OUT.

12

13 **PEGGY YORK:** OKAY. LET ME JUST VERY BRIEFLY GO THROUGH THE
14 CHRONOLOGY. IN AUGUST OF '04, THE R.F.P. WAS INITIALLY ISSUED.
15 THERE WAS SOME COMPLAINTS AND A CONSIDERATION OF THE BIDDERS
16 BOND AT THAT POINT AND SO THE R.F.P. WAS REISSUED AND THAT WAS
17 IN NOVEMBER OF '04 TO ELIMINATE THE BIDDER'S BOND. 10 PEOPLE
18 PROPOSED -- SENT PROPOSALS. THERE WERE ALSO TWO REJECTED
19 PROPOSALS. THERE WERE SOME COMPLAINTS RESULTING FROM THE
20 REJECTED PROPOSALS THAT I'LL GET INTO IN A MINUTE, BUT IN
21 MARCH OF '05 WE CAME BACK TO THE BOARD AND ASKED FOR AN
22 EXTENSION OF SIX MONTHS. AT THE SAME TIME IN MARCH, WE HAD
23 SOME GENERAL CONCERNS ABOUT OUR CONTRACTS UNIT. I ORDERED A
24 MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE UNIT, I ASSIGNED TWO CAPTAINS TO DO
25 THE AUDIT, AND THERE WERE SOME SIGNIFICANT ISSUES IDENTIFIED



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1 DURING THAT TIME. WE ALSO CHANGED OUR ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY IN
2 MARCH OF 2005 AND MARGO MORALES, WHO IS SITTING HERE TODAY,
3 WAS OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY WHO CAME IN IN ONE OF THE
4 FOCUSES THAT I ASKED HER TO GIVE WAS TO OUR AUDIT OR OUR
5 CONTRACTING UNIT. AND THEN IN JUNE, RESULTING FROM SOME
6 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT WERE GIVEN BY
7 ONE OF THE REJECTED PROPOSALS WAS SENT AT THE DIRECTION OF
8 YOUR BOARD TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND, AT THE SAME TIME
9 THAT THERE WERE COMPLAINTS FROM THE SAME PERSON ABOUT THE
10 EVALUATION PROCESS, HE ALSO HAD SEVERAL COMPLAINTS OF
11 MISCONDUCT BY OUR OFFICE. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT WAS
12 COMPLETED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, BEGINNING OF OCTOBER THEY
13 ISSUED THEIR REPORT. NONE OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT
14 WERE FOUND TO BE SUPPORTED BY ANY EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, THE
15 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FELT THAT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES WITH THE
16 EVALUATION PROCESS THAT WE SHOULD ADDRESS. THEN THIS WAS IN
17 SEPTEMBER OF '05. THEN OCTOBER OF '05, WE LOST OUR CONTRACT
18 MANAGER TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANT
19 RESOURCE ISSUES. WE'VE HAD FOUR CONTRACT MONITORS IN A PERIOD
20 OF THREE YEARS. IT TOOK TWO MONTHS FOR US TO HAVE RECRUIT AND
21 FIND A NEW MANAGER AND SHE WAS HIRED IN DECEMBER. AT THE SAME
22 TIME, THE ONE PERSON WHO WORKS ON CONTRACT PROCUREMENT WAS
23 WORKING WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THEIR REPORT AND IN
24 DECEMBER OF '05, HE BECAME ILL AND HE WAS GONE FOR ABOUT A
25 MONTH. HE SUBSEQUENTLY DIED, UNFORTUNATELY, AND THE POSITION



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1 THAT WE ARE IN RIGHT NOW TODAY IS THAT WE HAVE NO STAFF PERSON
2 TO DO THAT JOB, SO WE HAVE -- WE HAVE PERSONNEL ISSUES AND WE
3 HAVE TECHNOLOGY ISSUES AND WE HAVE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT
4 ISSUES, ALL OF WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGE FULLY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT
5 WE HAVE THOSE ISSUES. MANY OF THOSE ISSUES WE'VE IDENTIFIED
6 OURSELVES. THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES IN THE TOP MANAGEMENT, BOTH
7 IN MARGO MORALES'S POSITION AND ALSO IN THE CONTRACT UNIT. WE
8 ARE SEEKING APPROVAL TO HIRE 120-DAY RETIRED CONTRACTS PERSON
9 FROM ANOTHER DEPARTMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
10 HIRE THAT PERSON WITHIN A VERY --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT WAS MY QUESTION. YOU'RE GOING TO
13 HIRE SOMEONE FOR 120 DAYS BUT YOU'RE EXTENDING THE CONTRACTS
14 HERE BY OVER A YEAR.

15

16 **PEGGY YORK:** AND WE ARE RECRUITING A PERMANENT PERSON AS WELL
17 AT THE SAME TIME TO FILL THAT POSITION. WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN
18 FINISH IT IN A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME THAN A YEAR. HOWEVER, WE
19 DON'T WANT, BECAUSE OF THE -- PARTICULARLY THE RESOURCE
20 PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE SAFER
21 IF WE ASKED FOR AN EXTENSION OF ONE YEAR.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG HAVE THESE COMPANIES HAD THE
24 CONTRACTS?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** SINCE 2000, THE AS NEEDED CONTRACTS CAME IN, I THINK
2 IT WAS 2000, 2001/2002.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THERE WAS NO TERM TO THE CONTRACTS, OR
5 WERE THEY THREE-YEAR TERMS?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** NO. THEY WERE TO TERM LAST YEAR. YOUR BOARD EXTENDED
8 THEM --

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT WERE THEY, FIVE-YEAR CONTRACTS?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN FIVE YEARS, YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACTS HAVE BECOME A
15 SEVEN-YEAR CONTRACT.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. AS THE CHIEF INDICATED, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT
18 ISSUES IN OUR CONTRACT--

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I KNOW, I KNOW. I'M JUST TRYING TO
21 FIGURE OUT WHY IT'S TAKEN THIS LONG FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT THAT
22 YOU HAD THOSE ISSUES AND NOW REQUIRING YOU TO EXTEND THE
23 CONTRACT AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT WON'T PUT YOU IN
24 THE SAME POSITION A YEAR FROM NOW?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** AS THE CHIEF MENTIONED, I CAME A YEAR AGO. WE'VE BEEN
2 WORKING TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE ISSUES AND WE KEEP IDENTIFYING
3 MORE ISSUES THAT WE'RE WORKING TO ADDRESS. AS SHE INDICATED,
4 ALSO THE ONE STAFF PERSON THAT WE HAVE TO PROCURE CONTRACTS,
5 WE'VE HAD FOUR DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN THAT POSITION OVER THE LAST
6 THREE YEARS, WHICH HAS GIVEN US CONTINUITY ISSUES. WE
7 RECRUITED SOMEBODY THAT WAS HIGHLY EXPERIENCED IN CONTRACTS
8 LAST JULY WHEN THE POSITION BECAME VACANT AGAIN THAT WE
9 THOUGHT WE'D BE ABLE TO HELP US BUILD THE RESOURCES THAT WE
10 NEED TO TRULY EFFECTIVELY MANAGE OUR R.F.P. PROCESS. AS SHE
11 INDICATED UNFORTUNATELY HE PASSED AWAY IN JANUARY. WE'VE
12 RECRUITED SOMEBODY WHO IS RETIRED FROM BEACHES AND HARBORS WHO
13 ALSO WORKS FOR PUBLIC WORKS WHO IS WILLING TO COME IN AS A
14 120-DAY RETIREE, HELP US WITH THAT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I KNOW.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE WORKING TO FILL OUR VACANCY. WE'LL CONTINUE TO
19 KEEP THE 120 RETIREE HERE ONCE WE FILL THE VACANCY SO WE CAN
20 BUILD A PROCESS MANUAL WHICH WE DON'T HAVE IN PLACE, BUILD A
21 TIME LINE AS LONG AS NO NEW OTHER ISSUES AND I DON'T THINK-- I
22 THINK WE'VE UNCOVERED ALL OF THE --

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU INCREASING THE VALUE OF THEIR
25 CONTRACT IN THIS YEAR OR ARE THEY BEING PAID THE SAME?



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2 **SPEAKER:** NO. THE CONTRACT RATES STAY THE SAME AND ALL OF THE
3 VENDORS UNDERSTAND THAT, THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN THE
4 CONTRACT RATE.

5

6 **PEGGY YORK:** IF I MAY ADD, SUPERVISOR, WE'VE ALSO BEEN WORKING
7 WITH THE I.S.D. WHO HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS ABOUT THEIR ADVICE.
8 THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY RESOURCES. WE TALKED TO THEM INITIALLY TO
9 TRY TO GET SOME RESOURCES AND THEY DO NOT HAVE THEM. ALSO,
10 THERE'S SOME TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS THAT WE'VE RECENTLY BEEN
11 DEVELOPING.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THEY'RE NOT REALLY RELATED TO OUR PROCUREMENT
14 PROCESS, BUT THEY'LL ADDRESS SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT
15 ULTIMATELY IMPACT OUR PROCUREMENT PROCESS. WE HAVE ON BOARD A
16 CONTRACTOR WHO IS DEVELOPING A TECHNOLOGY BASED MONITORING
17 TOOL FOR OUR CONTRACT MONITORS. SO WE'RE BETTER ABLE TO
18 MONITOR OUR CONTRACTS. WE ESTIMATE WORST-CASE SCENARIO THAT
19 PROCESS WILL BE IN PLACE IN SEPTEMBER. AS A RESULT OF THE
20 OTHER AUDIT THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER DID FOR US, WE'VE
21 IDENTIFIED ISSUES WITH OUR INVOICE PAYMENT UNIT, AND AT FUTURE
22 R.F.P.S WILL BE REQUIRING THE VENDORS TO USE A SOFTWARE SO
23 THAT THEIR INVOICES WILL COME TO US ON-LINE AND WE CAN MOVE
24 THE HUMAN ERROR FROM THE PROCESSING OF THE INVOICES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT JUST... OKAY. I THINK IT LOOKS -- I THINK
2 -- WELL, IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, BUT I HOPE YOU GET THIS DONE
3 SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WE HAVE A MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY.
6 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, --

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THE MOTION.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE, BACK TO ITEM
12 NUMBER 20, SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU READ THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
13 OPINIONS?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I UNDERSTAND COUNTY COUNSEL -- [
16 OVERLAPPING VOICES]

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, COULD I AND A QUESTION, THOUGH?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WHERE I'M AT, I DON'T
23 -- YOU KNOW, I COULD SUPPORT THIS DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION IF
24 I HAVE A SIGN-OFF FROM THE CHIEF. I THINK WE HAVE THAT MUTUAL
25 AID AGREEMENT SIGN-OFF BEFORE ANY CONTRACTS ARE SIGNED. I



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1 THINK THAT'S OUR LEVERAGE AND THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING FOR. I
2 MEAN, I THINK THAT'S CRITICAL, TO HAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT --
3 I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, THAT IT'S MISS MEYERS' CALL
4 BUT I ALSO THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR CHIEF -- DON'T
5 RUN AWAY, CHIEF -- HAVE THE SIGN-OFF ON THIS THING BECAUSE
6 HE'S THE FIRST RESPONDER AND HIS PEOPLE ARE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, IF I COULD JUST SPEAK TO THAT. THERE'S
9 ONE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CONTRACT, AND THAT'S CAROL
10 MEYER. TO GIVE ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEAD VETO POWER OVER THIS
11 CONTRACT I THINK IS A MISTAKE. I THINK THEY COULD WORK
12 TOGETHER, THEY CAN WORK COLLABORATIVELY, BUT AFTER WHAT I'VE
13 SOON THE LAST 24 HOURS, I'M NOT ABOUT TO GIVE ANYBODY A VETO
14 POWER. I THINK LET'S -- I'D RATHER NOT WASH ALL THE DIRTY
15 LINEN IN THE OPEN, BUT I THINK THE PROCESS IS THE PROCESS.
16 THEY'VE BEEN A PART OF THIS PROCESS FROM DAY ONE. THERE ARE
17 ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. LET THEM WORK IT OUT, BUT TO
18 GIVE SOMEBODY A VETO POWER IS -- I DON'T THINK IS NECESSARY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S VETO.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL IT IS, IT'S A SIGN-OFF WITHOUT THE
23 SIGN-OFF I THINK YOU'RE SAYING WITHOUT HIS SIGN-OFF, THE
24 CONTRACTS COULDN'T BE EXECUTED. IS THAT RIGHT? SO THAT IF THE
25 CHIEF COMES TO THE CONCLUSION IN 30 DAYS, THAT WE OUGHT TO



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1 TOSS ALL OF THESE CONTRACTS OUT AND START THE R.F.P. PROCESS
2 ALL OVER AGAIN, IF THAT IS HIS OPINION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THE QUESTION, THE R.F.P. --

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WHEN HE WITHHOLDS HIS
7 APPROVAL, YOU'RE FUNCTIONALLY DOING THE SAME THING, AND I
8 UNDERSTAND THERE WAS SOME CONSIDERATION OF THAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD AMEND IT THAT THE CONTRACT WOULD BE
13 APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT BY ALL OF THE CONTRACTING
14 PARTIES THAT THERE WILL BE MUTUAL AID.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE WILL BE WHAT?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISS MEYER?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** ARE YOU OPPOSED TO IT OR IS IT OKAY?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THE PROPOSAL
2 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** I'M NOT OPPOSED TO THAT, SUBJECT TO A MUTUAL AID
5 PLAN. I THINK THAT'S PERFECTLY FINE, THAT'S WHAT WE'VE
6 COMMITTED TO DO.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** AND A SIGN-OFF BY THEM.

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** SIGN-OFF BY THE AMBULANCE COMPANIES. AND A PLAN,
11 YES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE INVOLVED WITH MUTUAL AID
16 ALREADY. WE PRACTICE ON EVERY ONE OF OUR BIO-TERRORISM DRILLS
17 THROUGH THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE THING IS, IS THAT THIS HAS BEEN VERY
20 COMPETITIVE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE GREAT SPIRIT
21 OF COOPERATION IS GOING TO CONTINUE JUST FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN
22 ON THIS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WASN'T IN THE R.F.P. AND MISS MEYER SAYS THERE
25 HAS NOT BEEN A POLICY, ITS SORT OF A HANDSHAKE AGREEMENT. IS



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1 THAT CORRECT? AND HER GOAL IS TO HAVE A POLICY IN PLACE THAT
2 SHE THINKS WILL BE ONGOING, IT WON'T BE AT THE END OF THE
3 RAINBOW BUT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS THE RAINBOW.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOUR MOTION IS THAT THE RECOMMENDED
6 BIDDERS, THAT THEY BE AWARDED SUBJECT TO THEY'RE AGREEING TO -
7 - JUST TELL US HOW YOU UNDERSTAND THIS.

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** SUBJECT TO THEIR AGREEMENT TO A MUTUAL AID PLAN
10 THAT IS DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU BELIEVE THAT COULD BE DONE IN HOW
14 LONG?

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** I'LL TELL YOU, MY CONCERN ABOUT EXTENDING THIS IS
17 ALL ABOUT IS THAT JUST LIKE WE'VE SEEN WITH HOSPITALS, WHEN
18 YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CLOSE THE DOORS OR, IN THIS CASE,
19 UNFORTUNATELY AN AMBULANCE COMPANY NEEDS TO DOWNSIZE, PEOPLE
20 START LEAVING. SO IF WE MAKE THIS THING LONGER AND LONGER,
21 WE'RE GOING TO END UP WITH AN AMBULANCE COMPANY THAT DOESN'T
22 HAVE PERSONNEL.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE QUESTION I ASKED WAS, HOW LONG DO YOU
25 THINK THIS WILL TAKE?



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2 **CAROL MEYER:** 60 DAYS, AND I'M WILLING TO GO TO 90 IF CHIEF --

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. WAIT. LET ME -- ANSWER MY QUESTIONS, NOT
5 ANYBODY ELSE'S. WHEN WAS THIS SCHEDULED TO BE EXECUTED IN THE
6 FIRST PLACE?

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** 60 DAYS FROM THE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE BOARD
9 AND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE COMPANY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF WE APPROVE THIS WITH THIS AMENDMENT,
12 THE CLOCK STARTS RUNNING TODAY.

13

14 **CAROL MEYER:** WE DO A LETTER TOMORROW-- SEND IT TO THEM
15 TOMORROW OR TODAY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TURN AROUND AND TELL THEM. THEY'RE
18 RIGHT THERE. [LAUGHTER]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT WORRIES ME, AND I WANT TO BE UP
21 FRONT, WHAT WORRIES ME IS IT'S THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS MUTUAL
22 AID PLAN THAT IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO -- IF SOMEONE WANTS TO DRAG
23 ONE'S FEET ON THIS, I'M NOT GOING TO MENTION ANY NAMES AND I'M
24 NOT JUST -- I WASN'T REFERRING TO THEM, DAVID, I'M EVEN
25 THINKING IN-HOUSE, IF ANYBODY WANTS TO DRAG THEIR FEET ABOUT



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1 SOMETHING, THEN THIS THING WON'T GET EXECUTED IN 60 DAYS OR 90
2 DAYS OR 120 DAYS AND THEN, POOF, SOMEBODY WILL COME AROUND AND
3 SAY, YOU KNOW, THIS THING'S BEEN DRAGGING ON JUST LIKE WE HAD
4 IN THIS LAST ISSUE. IT'S BEEN DRAGGING ALONG FOR SO LONG,
5 THROW OUT ALL THE BIDS, EXTEND A.M.R

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE COULD SAVE IF ANYBODY DRAGS THEIR
8 FEET, THEY'RE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR THE CONTRACT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHAT IF ONE OF OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS
11 DRAGS THEIR FEET?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A NEW DIRECTOR THERE. HE
14 HASN'T BEEN DRAGGING HIS FEET FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.

15

16 **CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN GET THE
17 COMMITMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY TO COME FORWARD
18 WITH THE DOCUMENT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I HAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF UP
21 HERE FOR A SECOND? WHILE YOU'RE WALKING, I'LL AND YOU A
22 QUESTION. DO YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN WORK THIS THING OUT SUBJECT
23 TO THE AMENDMENT THAT'S BEEN PROPOSED BY MRS. BURKE WITHIN THE
24 NEXT 60 DAYS?

25



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1 **CHEF:** YES, SIR, I BELIEVE WE CAN, WITH THE APPROPRIATE
2 RESOURCES AND EVERYBODY COMING TO THE TABLE, I THINK WE CAN
3 WORK IT OUT, YES.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER ON TRAUMA CARE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO, I MEAN, IT'S A NECESSITY AND,
8 AGAIN, IF ANYBODY'S TRYING TO DELAY, THEN WE'LL TAKE DIRECT
9 ACTION, BUT I BELIEVE EVERYBODY IS IN THE SPIRIT OF TRYING TO
10 GET THE JOB DONE BECAUSE THE NEED IS SO GREAT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND MS. BURKES MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING OF
15 MUTUAL AID AS AMENDED, WOULD YOU CALL THE ROLL?

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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25 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

3

4 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE. SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CARRIED. SO ORDERED. [APPLAUSE] NOW WE

13 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND WE HAVE RICHARD ROBINSON, YVONNE

14 AUTRY, ANDREW AHLERING, BRUCE KRAFT. ALSO, ULYSSES TORRE.

15 ULYSSES TORRE. OKAY, EVERYBODY'S HERE EXCEPT MR. ROBINSON, AND

16 I ASSUME HE LEFT, SO... WAIT ONE SECOND UNTIL THEY LEAVE.

17 OKAY. BEFORE YOU TALK, BE SURE YOU GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE

18 RECORD. YES, SIR.

19

20 **ANDREW AHLERING:** YES, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MY NAME IS ANDREW

21 AHLERING, I'M AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

22 AND A CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN

23 THE FIRST DISTRICT. MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS KNABE, BURKE,

24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I APOLOGIZE IF I SAID THAT WRONG.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PERFECT, PERFECT.

2

3 **ANDREW AHLERING:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR
4 JANSSEN. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS YOU ALL ON TREMENDOUS FAILINGS OF
5 COUNTY GOVERNMENT. MR. MAYOR, I ASK THAT YOU NOT CUT ME OFF
6 AFTER THREE MINUTES, BUT I KNOW PROTOCOL DO AS YOU SO MUST OF
7 I'LL TRY KEEP IT BRIEF AND I WILL ADDRESS YOU IN ENGLISH.
8 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE LIVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
9 THE COUNTY OF ANGELS. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? THE ANGELS ARE
10 CRYING. TWO DAYS AGO, A NEWBORN BABY WAS TOSSED TO HER DEATH
11 ON THE RAILROAD TRACKS OF ALHAMBRA. THE ANGELS ARE CRYING. THE
12 BOARD COULD HAVE DONE MORE. THE BABY SAFE PROGRAM IS LITTLE
13 MORE THAN A WEB SITE AND A BUMPER STICKER ON COUNTY CARS.
14 THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THE COUNTY TO NOT EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE
15 THIS PROGRAM. FOR \$5 MILLION A YEAR OR LESS, A MERE \$1 MILLION
16 AND EACH OF YOUR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING ACCOUNTS, THE COUNTY
17 COULD EFFECTIVE MARKET THIS PROGRAM. YOU ALL FAILED. A BABY
18 WAS KILLED. THE ANGELS ARE CRYING. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE MY
19 GRANDMOTHER WAS NOT KILLED, BUT LEFT ON A DOORSTEP IN THE
20 STATE OF WASHINGTON. THE ANGELS ARE CRYING, BUT THEY NEED NOT.
21 I HAVE A PLAN. HARD WORKING IMMIGRANTS ARE AFRAID TO USE
22 GOVERNMENT SERVICES FEARING LA MIGRA. THE ANGELS ARE CRYING.
23 MOST OF USE ARE PRODUCTS OF IMMIGRATION. MY GREAT GRANDPARENTS
24 ARRIVED IN ELLIS ISLAND FROM ITALY. THEY WERE WHOPS. OR ALSO
25 KNOW AS WITHOUT PAPERS. NOW WE CALL THESE PERSONS UNDOCUMENTED



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1 IMMIGRANTS. OUR COMMUNITY IS FULL OF UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS. WE
2 SHOULD RESPECT THEM AS EQUAL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY. THIS
3 GOVERNMENT DOES NOT. THE ANGELS ARE CRYING BUT THEY NEED NOT.
4 I HAVE A PLAN. OUR ENVIRONMENT IS UNDER ATTACK. OUR WATER IS
5 DIRTY. LOS ANGELES RIVER, THE FORMER BACKBONE OF OUR COUNTY IS
6 NOW CONCRETE AND MOSTLY TREATED EFFLUENTS OR INDUSTRIAL WASTE
7 WATER IF YOU PREFER THAT TERM. THE ANGELS ARE CRYING, BUT THEY
8 NEED NOT. WE CAN HAVE A BETTER PLAN. OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM IS IN
9 SHAMBLES, WAITS CAN LAST FOR DAYS IF THE COUNTY'S HOSPITALS
10 ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, HOW CAN THEY
11 POSSIBLY BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE COUNTY'S RESIDENTS? THE ANGELS
12 ARE CRYING, BUT THEY NEED NOT. I'VE A PLAN. OUR GOVERNMENT MAY
13 APPEAR AS BEING CORRUPT. WE HAVE SUPERVISOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS
14 RECEIVING MONEY FROM COUNTY CONTRACTORS. WE HAVE SUPERVISORS
15 THAT POSSIBLY ABUSING DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR THEIR
16 POLITICAL ENDEAVORS AND CAMPAIGNS. I REQUEST, PURSUANT TO THE
17 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT THAT MR. JANSSEN PROVIDE BY
18 CAMPAIGN WITH A LISTING OF ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISCRETIONARY
19 FUNDS COUNTY-WIDE. WE HAVE WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION AND
20 RETALIATION. I HAVE BEEN RETALIATED AGAINST. MR. HENRY, YOU
21 ARE HERE. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOUR DEPARTMENT. MR. WOLFF,
22 YOU ARE NOT HERE, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOUR DEPARTMENT AND
23 THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS GROUP OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 PUBLIC WORKS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WRAP IT UP.

2

3 **ANDREW AHLERING:** I ASKED MR. COOLEY'S OFFICE TO PLEASE MEET
4 WITH ME AND REFER ME TO THE APPROPRIATE GRAND JURY. IF HE DOES
5 NOT, I'LL GO TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR THE
6 FEDERAL GRAND JURY OR THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE
7 ANGELS ARE CRYING. THEY NEED NOT. MY FELLOW RESIDENTS OF LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY, WE CAN ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP SO THAT WE CANNOT
9 SEE THE COUNTY BECOME BY ZIMBABWE OR THE FORMER APARTHEID
10 REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA. I URGE YOU TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE
11 CANDIDATES AND TO PLEASE VOTE JUNE 6TH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MISS AUTRY.

14

15 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.
16 I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR THE DEATH
17 OF THAT BABY AND I DON'T THINK THAT THE ANGELS ARE JUST
18 CRYING. THIS IS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I THINK THAT THIS IS
19 THE CITY OF THE LOST ANGEL. UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THE CRIME THE
20 WAY IT IS, I THINK WITH THE EXPERIMENTATION THAT'S GOING ON
21 HERE, MORE PRISONS HERE MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN THE
22 COUNTRY. IT'S RIDICULOUS. AND I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES I MIGHT
23 SPEAK ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF YOUR SCOPE, YOU KNOW, OR
24 BEYOND YOUR POWER OR YOUR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE, BUT THAT WHICH
25 I DO SPEAK ABOUT THAT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER TO CHANGE, I DO



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1 HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR, AS I THINK ALL OF US DO, AND WE DO
2 EXPECT YOU TO TAKE SOME TYPE OF ACTION TO REMEDY THE SITUATION
3 BECAUSE IT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, BUT I'M AGAINST SAME-SEX
4 MARRIAGES AND THERE ARE PEDOPHILES THAT ARE JUDGES IN THE
5 DEPENDENCY COURT THAT GET VOTED IN EVERY YEAR, I MEAN, OR
6 EVERY SESSION. IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE
7 PEDOPHILES IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THAT NEVER GET INVESTIGATED,
8 YET MICHAEL JACKSON AND R. KELLY AND OTHER BLACK MEN AND BLACK
9 PEOPLE ARE ACCUSED AND ACCOSTED BY THE POLICE, ALL CONTRACT
10 ACTIVITY IS EVIL, WHETHER IT'S PERPETRATED BY GOVERNMENT
11 OFFICIALS OR BY CIVILIANS, AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE
12 ANY DOUBLE STANDARDS. IT'S RIDICULOUS. NOW, WHETHER IT'S
13 ECONOMIC OR RACIAL. NOW, I WANTED TO SPEAK ABOUT WHAT I CALL
14 SELECTIVE PROFILING. I'VE SEEN RACIAL PROFILING, BUT I'VE SEEN
15 SELECTIVE PROFILING WHEREAS IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE GOING BACK TO
16 ALMOST SLAVERY. IF YOU HAVE MONEY, YOU'RE GOOD. IF YOU HAVE
17 POOR, YOU'RE BAD. IF YOU'RE WHITE, YOU'RE GOOD. IF YOU'RE
18 BLACK AND WITHOUT MONEY, YOU'RE REALLY BAD, OKAY LIKE REALLY
19 BAD LIKE UGLY, EVIL, KILL IT, REALLY, THE UNDESIRABLES. I'VE
20 SEEN PEOPLE THAT ARE MY FRIENDS THAT I'VE KNOWN OF THAT HAVE
21 BEEN BEAT UP, FONDLED BY POLICE OFFICERS, THEIR CHILDREN HAVE
22 BEEN TAKEN, AND THEY HAVE TO TAKE THEIR OWN MONEY AND
23 PROSECUTE AND BRING CHARGES AGAINST THESE POLICE OFFICERS.
24 IT'S GOT TO STOP. GROUPS LIKE THE COLONIZATION SOCIETY,
25 CHRISTIAN RIGHT-WING, CHRISTIAN IDENTITY GROUP ARE USING THE



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1 BIBLE TO JUSTIFY THIS. I WAS AT THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL ABOUT
2 TWO MONTHS AGO AND A WOMAN, SHE WAS CAUCASIAN, SHE SAID THAT
3 IN BLACK COMMUNITIES, IN COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE OF
4 COLOR, THAT THERE IS NO RACIAL PROFILING BECAUSE MOST OF THE
5 PEOPLE PROFILED HAPPEN TO BE BLACK OR THAT THEY WERE CRACK
6 ADDICTS OR PROSTITUTES AND THAT THERE IS NO RACIAL PROFILING
7 TO DATE ACCORDING TO HER, YOU KNOW, ACCORDING TO HER DATA, AND
8 THAT'S NOT CORRECT. I'VE BEEN CALLED A PROSTITUTE, I'VE BEEN
9 CALLED -- I'VE SAID THIS SO MANY TIMES, I DON'T WANT TO BE
10 REPETITIVE, I'VE BEEN CALLED THE CRACK HEAD, THE HEROIN
11 ADDICT. I'M THIN BECAUSE I'M A YOGAINY, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M
12 SAYING, I'M A VEGETARIAN, NOT A PROSTITUTE. YOU KNOW, THIS IS
13 JUST THE WAY I DRESS AND I'M COVERED. SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS
14 THAT THIS TYPE OF STEREOTYPING HAS GOT TO STOP BECAUSE IT'S
15 JUSTIFYING INCREASED RACIAL BRUTALITY THAT'S NOT INVESTIGATED.
16 THE POLICE OFFICERS ARE NOT PENALIZED, PROSECUTED OR
17 IMPRISONED AND IT'S JUSTIFYING OR COVERING UP SELECTIVE OR
18 RACIAL PROFILING.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** IF I COULD JUST MAKE ONE OTHER COMMENT,
23 PLEASE. NOW, I'M NOT A RACIST, BUT I HAVE SEEN, ON ONE
24 OCCASION, THERE WAS A WHITE WOMAN IN A 99 CENT STORE THAT WAS
25 THROWING ALUMINUM CANS AT A BLACK WOMAN. THE SECURITY GUARD



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1 DID NOT TOUCH HER. IF IT WAS ME, I WOULD HAVE BEEN RESTRAINED,
2 TAZZED IMMEDIATELY. THERE'S ANOTHER OCCASION WHEN I FLAGGED
3 DOWN THE POLICE. AGAIN I IDENTIFIED A CAUCASIAN WOMAN AS BEING
4 THE PERPETRATOR OF LITTERING AN ENTIRE CORNER ON WESTERN JUST
5 NEAR THE WILTON THEATRE, AND WHEN I IDENTIFIED A BLONDE
6 CAUCASIAN WOMAN AS BEING THE PERPETRATOR, THEY PASSED UP THE
7 SITUATION AND SHE WAS RANTING AND RAVING AND THEY WENT AND
8 THEY ARRESTED A YOUNG BLACK MAN. THIS IS WHAT I CALL SELECTIVE
9 RACIAL PROFILING.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THIS DOUBLE STANDARD HAS GOT TO STOP
14 BECAUSE IT'S BEING -- LIKE I SAID, IT'S AN ASSOCIATION EH
15 INDICATION OF WHITE WITH GOOD AND BLACK WITH AUTOMATIC EVIL,
16 BAD, DIRTY, NASTY AND THIS IS NOT THE TRUTH OF

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISS CRAFT, MR. TORRE, WHOEVER WANTS
23 TO GO FIRST.

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1 **RUTH CRAFT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS RUTH CRAFT, AND
2 TO MY LEFT IS MR. ULYSSES TORRE. WE'VE MADE ANY NUMBER OF
3 PRESENTATIONS BEFORE YOUR BOARD, BUT TODAY I'D LIKE TO GO ON
4 RECORD AND STATE THAT ONE YEAR AGO THIS MONTH ON THE 22ND OF
5 MARCH, WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE OUR CASE HEARD BEFORE THE
6 UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. IN THAT DECISION, WE WON 7-TO-2
7 IN OUR FAVOR, AND THE CASE WAS REMANDED BACK TO THE L.A.
8 COUNTY COURTHOUSE. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT ONCE YOU ARE
9 PRIVILEGED TO GO BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE IS
10 SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE. IN OUR CASE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
11 THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED. WE ARE NOT HERE TODAY TO BLAME ANYONE,
12 WE'RE NOT HERE TO DEFAME ANYONE, WE'RE NOT HERE TODAY TO
13 EMBARRASS ANYONE. WE'RE COMING IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE, AND AS
14 CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE STATE OF
15 CALIFORNIA, THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE AND THAT
16 YOU ALL WOULD STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND DO WHAT'S RIGHT. IF YOU
17 GIVE ONE HUMAN BEING \$500,000 AS A SETTLEMENT AND SEND THE
18 OTHER ONE TO THE GUTTER, THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG IN L.A.
19 COUNTY. I KNOW THAT MAYBE WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU TODAY DOES
20 NOT MAKE ANY SENSE, BUT YOU HAVE A COURTHOUSE RIGHT THERE AT
21 111 NORTH HILL STREET THAT REALLY NEEDS AN OVERHAUL. WOMEN
22 HAVE TAKEN THEIR CHILDREN AND JUMPED FROM THAT COURTHOUSE TO
23 GET JUSTICE. GOD WAS MERCIFUL TO ME, BECAUSE I FELT THE SAME
24 WAY ONCE. MY KIDS WERE KIDNAPPED FROM ME. I'M ASKING TO MEET
25 WITH ANYBODY ON THIS BOARD TODAY TO RESOLVE MR. ULYSSES TORRE



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1 AND MYSELF, LIE OUR CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
2 HAS GONE ON FOR 23 YEARS AND IT HAS BECOME AN EMBARRASSMENT TO
3 THE CALIFORNIA LEGAL PROFESSION AND EVEN TODAY, HARASSMENT IS
4 A VERY KIND WORD, THE ONLY WAY I CAN DESCRIBE WHAT HAS
5 HAPPENED TO THIS GENTLEMAN AND MYSELF IS POLITICAL
6 PERSECUTION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE CASE? I MEAN --

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10 **RUTH CRAFT:** THE CASE NUMBER?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, NO. WHAT'S THE CASE? WHAT'S IT
13 ABOUT?

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15 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ABOUT A POLICE SHOOTING IN 1983.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHERE?

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19 **RUTH CRAFT:** BEHIND TORRE'S FISH MARKET.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BY A SHERIFF?

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23 **RUTH CRAFT:** SHERIFF -- COUNTY SHERIFFS, YES, SIR, AND I HAVE -

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** A COUNTY POLICE OFFICER, OR OFFICE OF
2 PUBLIC SAFETY?

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4 **RUTH CRAFT:** NO, SIR. IT WAS THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

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8 **RUTH CRAFT:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GIVE US THE CASE NUMBER AND WE CAN
11 HAVE OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TELL US ABOUT THE CASE.

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13 **RUTH CRAFT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THIS WAS A CASE THAT WENT TO THE SUPREME
16 COURT?

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18 **RUTH CRAFT:** WELL, WHAT HAPPENED WAS MYSELF, MR. TORRE AND A
19 GROUP OF PEOPLE PICKETED ALL OVER LOS ANGELES, ALL THE WAY
20 FROM CRENSHAW DISTRICT TO THE COURTHOUSE AND WHAT HAPPENED IS
21 WE SURVIVED FOR 20 SOMETHING YEARS IN THE L.A. COURT SYSTEM,
22 STATE, AND EVEN THE NINTH CIRCUIT WITHOUT A LAWYER. WE JUST
23 RECENTLY WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN A LAWYER WHEN WE WENT TO THE
24 SUPREME COURT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WAS THE SUPREME COURT CASE ON THE SHOOTING, OR --

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3 **RUTH CRAFT:** NO. WHAT IT HAD TO DO WITH, SUPERVISOR BURKE, WAS
4 FREEDOM OF SPEECH, THE RIGHT TO PROTEST, TO ADDRESS OUR ISSUES
5 TO GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY HAVE NOT DONE WHAT THEY SHOULD DO.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** THE SUPREME COURT CASE RELATED TO SOMETHING ELSE.
8 AFTERWARDS.

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10 **RUTH CRAFT:** YES. ACTUALLY, I SHOULD CLARIFY THAT JUSTICE
11 SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR, RIGHT OFF THE BAT, BROUGHT UP A LOT OF
12 THESE ISSUES THAT WERE MUCH MORE BROAD THAN JUST THE FREEDOM
13 OF SPEECH, SO SHE WAS ABLE TO SEE THROUGH THE FACADE OF
14 INJUSTICE AND CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID THAT SHE DID NOT
15 UNDERSTAND WHY WE COULD NOT GET JUSTICE IN OUR OWN STATE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET OUR COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE THAT
18 NUMBER AND HE CAN GIVE US --

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20 **RUTH CRAFT:** YES, SIR.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. TORRE.

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24 **MR. TORRE:** I HAVE A HEADACHE. MY BLOOD PRESSURE IS UP
25 SLIGHTLY. DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON MY BEHALF? IF WE CAN TALK TO



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1 SOMEBODY, FINE. IT'S TOO EMBARRASSING TO ACTUALLY TALK ABOUT,
2 SO, I MEAN --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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6 **RUTH CRAFT:** 5393 FAIRVIEW BOULEVARD, IN LOS ANGELES. 90056.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND DISTRICT? [OVERLAPPING VOICES
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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUST TRYING TO FIND THE DISTRICT. MS.
12 BURKE HAS A DEPUTY RIGHT HERE.

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14 **RUTH CRAFT:** AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR CLEARING
15 UP OUR RECORD WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF CHILDREN SERVICES. I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
17 GOD BLESS YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'LL GO INTO
20 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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22 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
23 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
25 1 TO INTERVIEW AND CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO



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2 WITH THE LABOR NEGOTIATOR, HENRY, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, AS
3 DIRECTED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. [GAVEL]

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